

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Ann Robertson Hermes of 437 Edgewood Drive, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002, Alvin Charles Lavoie of 303 Abbey Lane, Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446, Donald Craig Schall of 120 Shady Lane, Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446 and Roy Wesley Flynn of 863 Stallion Road, Warrington, Pennsylvania 18976, (hereafter "Assignor(s)"), invented certain new and useful improvements in QUICK-DRYING AQUEOUS COATING COMPOSITIONS, (hereafter "INVENTION") for which on the date below Assignor executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America;

WHEREAS at the time the INVENTION was made, Assignor was under an obligation to assign all right, title and interest in Assignor's INVENTION to ROHM AND HAAS COMPANY, a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at 100 Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19106-2399, which wants to formalize the assignment and its ownership of the entire interest in the INVENTION and in any and all applications for patent thereon and in any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration received by Assignor, receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has assigned and by this Assignment does assign to ROHM AND HAAS COMPANY, for the United States of America and for all foreign countries, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the INVENTION including the right to apply for patents, and to claim International Convention priority, in all such foreign countries; Assignor further agrees without further consideration to testify in any proceedings, to execute all papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, and make all rightful oaths and declaration relating to the INVENTION, requested by the ROHM AND HAAS COMPANY; and Assignor does hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America and the corresponding official in any foreign country to issue any Letters Patent which may be granted in the United States or foreign country, respectively, to ROHM AND HAAS COMPANY for its sole use and

benefit and for its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted.

Assignor authorizes and requests insertion herein of the Serial Number 08/812,492 and filing date 3/6/97 of said application when officially known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor intending to be legally bound has hereunto affixed its signature(s).

3/11/96

Date

Ann Robertson Hermer (SEAL)

(Full Signature)

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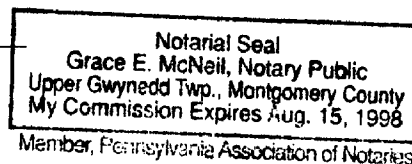
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Ann Robertson Hermer personally appeared before me and acknowledged to me that the execution of the foregoing instrument is an act of free will and deed of this 11 day of March, 1996.

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Grace E. McNeil

Notary Public



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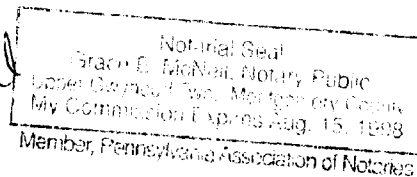
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Donald Craig Schall (SEAL)
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My Commission Expires Aug. 15, 1998
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Ray Wesley Flynn (SEAL)
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