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do hereby sell and assign to The BOC Group plc, an English Company of Chertsey Road, Windlesham, Surrey GU20 6HJ, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest, in our improvement entitled **Production of Nitrogen** for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States identified in the United States Patent Office as **Serial No. 09/198/682 filed November 24, 1998**, (which application is claiming priority of Application No. **GB 97 24787.8 filed 24 November 1997**); and, together with any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, and any divisions, reissues, continuations or extensions thereof, and authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters Patent resulting therefrom to said Company as assignee, and covenant that we have full right so to do and agree that we will communicate to said Company or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said improvement and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation and reissue applications in connection therewith, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns or nominees to obtain and enforce in the United States proper protection for said improvement.

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