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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT

WHEREAS, I, **David W. Owens** at 8505 Research Way, Middleton, Wisconsin employee of the United States Department of the Interior, **United States Geological Survey** , have invented a new and useful improvement in a Sheet Flow Fluid Sampling Apparatus for which I have Letters Patent of the United States of America, No. 5,783,155, issued July 21, 1998 and

WHEREAS, the patent rights in said invention and said patent are assignable to the United States pursuant to the provisions of 43 CFR, Part 6, and other applicable laws and regulations, and

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States, as represented by the Secretary of the Interior, is desirous of acquiring my interest in the Letters Patent of the United States thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises, my employment by the said Government of the United States and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I **David W. Owens**, do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto the Government of the United States, **as represented by the Secretary of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240**, my interest to the full and exclusive right in and for the territory of the United States of America, in and to the invention as described and claimed in United States Letters Patent No. 5,783,155 and any reissue or reissues of said Patent already granted and which maybe granted on said Patent;

My share in said Patent to be held and enjoyed by the Government of the United States for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its assigns or other legal representatives, to the end of the term for which the said Patent, is granted or may be reissued as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by **David W. Owens**, if this Assignment had not been made, together with all claims for damages

by reason of past infringement of said patent, with the right to sue (at the Government of the United States expense) for, and collect the same for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its assigns or other legal representatives;

I, **David W. Owens**, further agree to grant and do hereby grant to the Government of the United States an irrevocable, royalty-free, nonexclusive license to practice and cause to be practiced by or for the Government for Government use in foreign countries, my interest in any and all inventions disclosed in said Letters Patent in foreign countries, for the full term thereof, which may be based thereon, or correspond thereto, for the manufacture, use and disposition according to law of any article or material, and the use of any method under said invention. The said license shall include the power to issue sublicenses for use in behalf of the Government and/or in furtherance of the foreign policies of the Government and/or in furtherance of any obligation entered into by the Government regarding the invention claimed in the said Patent.

I, **David W. Owens**, hereby covenant that he has full right to convey the interest herein assigned, and that he has not executed, and will not execute, any agreements inconsistent herewith.

Executed this 7 day of March, 1999.

David W. Owens
INVENTOR

In the presence of: Reed J. Crow