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 Scott Tracey Kilkenny
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 Yes No

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 KINDER MORGAN ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.
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ASSIGNMENT

ASSIGNMENT made by Scott Tracey Kilkenny, of 4254 Revere Place, City of Culver City, State of California 90232; and William Thornton Stringfellow, of 1008 The Alameda, City of Berkeley, State of California 94720, to Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P., a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and located and doing business at 1100 Town and Country Road, Orange, California 92868.

IN CONSIDERATION of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said Scott Tracey Kilkenny and William Thornton Stringfellow hereby sell, assign and transfer to said Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in: Biodegradation of Ethers Using Fatty Acid Enhanced Microbes and the invention therein as set forth in his application for United States Letters Patent therefor, and in and to said application and any divisions or continuations thereof, and any Letters Patent obtained for the said invention in the United States and foreign countries, or issuing out of said application or any such division or continuation thereof, and any reissues or extensions of any such Letters Patent.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested to issue Letters Patent for said invention to said Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.L.P., as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein.

And, the said Scott Tracey Kilkenny and William Thornton Stringfellow hereby covenant that they have full right to convey the entire right, title and interest in said invention, and that they have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

And they further covenant that they will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title in said Biodegradation of Ethers Using Fatty Acid Enhanced Microbes, to said invention or any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, and if said Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P., or its assignee, desire to make a substitute, divisional or continuation application for said invention, or to secure a reissue or extension of said Letters Patent, to file a disclaimer relating thereto, or an application for a corresponding patent in any foreign country, that he will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths, and do all lawful acts requisite for the said purposes, but at the expense of said Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P.

Scott Tracey Kilkenny and William Thornton Stringfellow further hereby acknowledge that the entire beneficial interest in the invention to which the above application relates is irrevocably vested in the assignee including the right to make application for protection in all countries abroad and to claim priority under the International Convention for such applications and hereby assents to the making of any such applications, with or without priority claim, and of any divisional application resulting therefrom.

And, they further covenant that they will at all times communicate to the said Kinder Morgan Partners, L.P., its successors, assigns or legal representatives, all facts relating to said invention and Letters Patent, or the history thereof, known to him, and testify as the same in interferences or other litigation, when requested so to do.

We hereby authorize the above-mentioned assignee or the attorney of record to insert in this instrument the filing date serial number of my said application.

Serial Number: 09/179,663
Filing Date: October 27, 1998

Executed and delivered this 30th day of NOVEMBER, 1998.

Inventor Scott Tracey Kilkeny

State of California)
County of Orange) ss

Personally appeared before me this 30th day of November, 1998, Scott Tracey Kilkeny, to me known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Barbara Freeman
Notary Public
My Commission expires 8/27/02

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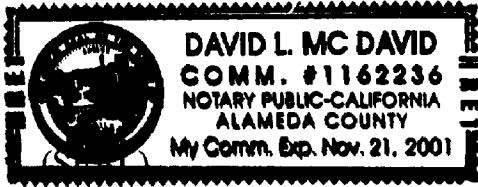


Executed and delivered this 19 day of November, 1998

Inventor W.T. Stringfellow

State of California)
) ss
County of ALAMEDA)

Personally appeared before me this 19th day of NOVEMBER, 1998, William Thornton Stringfellow, to me known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



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Notary Public
My Commission expires 11-21-01