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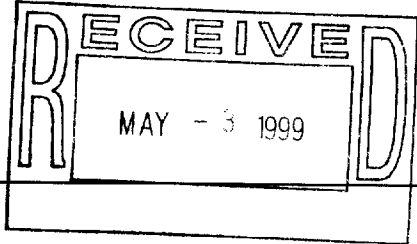
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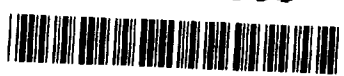
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS WE, Reinhard Doenges, Manfred Sponheimer
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have invented certain improvements in

Process and apparatus for simultaneously grinding and drying a material to be ground containing moist cellulose ether

as set forth and described in our application, executed concurrently herewith, for Letters Patent of the United States; and

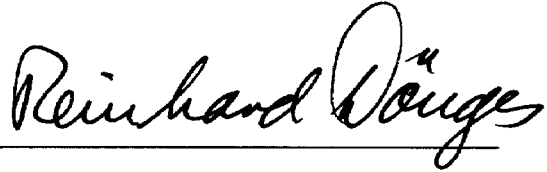
WHEREAS **Clariant GmbH**, a corporation of the Federal Republic of Germany, located at Brueningstrasse 50, D-65929 Frankfurt, Federal Republic of Germany, is desirous of acquiring said invention and application and all rights we have or may have in improvements thereon, including rights to obtain Letters Patent therefor and reissues and extensions thereof in all countries:

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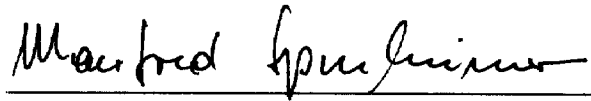
Reinhard Doenges, Manfred Sponheimer, Guenther Welt and Manfred Ziegelmayr, have sold, assigned and transferred and do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the said **Clariant GmbH** the whole and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and any and all rights we have or may have in improvements thereon, including rights to obtain Letters Patent and reissues and extensions thereof for said invention and improvements in foreign countries as well as in the United States, the said invention, application, improvements and patents to be held and enjoyed by the said **Clariant GmbH** for its own use and behoof and for the use and behoof of its legal representatives, successors and assignees, as fully and entirely as they would have been held and enjoyed by us had such assignment not been made.

WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the United States Letters Patent to the said **Clariant GmbH** accordingly, and agree to sign all legal papers and do all things, without expense to ourselves, which shall be necessary to perfect the rights of the said **Clariant GmbH** under this assignment.

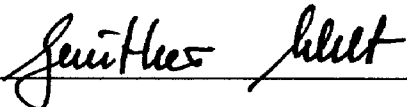
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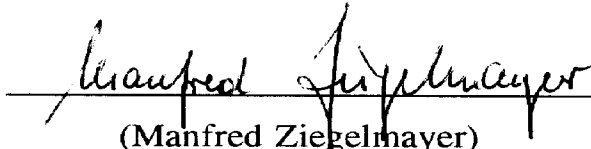
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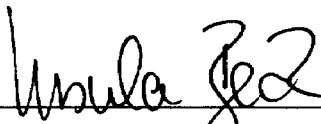


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