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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We Michael William Marshall TUCK, of  
5 Riggindale Road, London SW16 1QL, England,

Michael Anthony WOOD, of 9 Watchgate, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough,  
Cleveland TS7 0QS, England and Andrew George HILES,

of Monaltire, Chiltern Road, Chesham Bois, Amersham, Buckinghamshire HP6 5PH,  
England  
have invented an improvement in Process for the  
production of 1,4-butanediol, gamma-butyrolactone and tetrahydrofuran

(File KPT 1076) and have executed an application for a  
United States patent based thereon simultaneously  
herewith;

**AND, WHEREAS,** KVAERNER PROCESS TECHNOLOGY LIMITED of  
20 Eastbourne Terrace,  
London W2 6LE, England, a company duly organized and existing  
under the laws of the United Kingdom (hereinafter referred  
to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring certain rights  
thereunder;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** for one dollar and other good and  
valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby  
acknowledged, we have agreed to and do hereby sell, assign  
and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title  
and interest in and throughout the United States of  
America (including its territories and dependencies) and  
all countries foreign thereto in and to said invention,  
said United States application, any other United States  
applications (including divisional, continuing or reissue  
applications) based in whole or in part on said United  
States application or in whole or in part on said  
invention, any foreign application or in whole or in part  
on said invention, any foreign applications based in whole  
or in part of any of the aforesaid United States  
application or in whole or in part on said invention, and

any and all patents (including extensions thereof) of any country which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said invention or any part thereof;

**TO BE HELD AND ENJOYED** by said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had no sale and assignment of said interest been made;

**AND We** hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States applications or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said ASSIGNEE;

**AND We** hereby jointly and severally agree for ourselves and for our respective heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any divisional, continuing, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said ASSIGNEE fully to secure to said ASSIGNEE its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

**AND We** hereby jointly and severally covenant for ourselves and our respective legal representatives that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention, to anyone except said ASSIGNEE, that prior to

the execution of this deed our right, title and interest in said invention had not been otherwise encumbered, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands.

D. J. Ayford  
Witness

[Signature]  
Date: 6<sup>th</sup> OCT 1998

C. J. Reason.  
Witness

[Signature]  
Date: 7<sup>th</sup> OCT 1998

D. J. Ayford  
Witness

[Signature]  
Date: 6<sup>th</sup> OCT 1998