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(full name(s) and post office address(s) of inventor(s) (including country))

(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR(S)), has made a discovery or invention entitled:

SUPERABSORPTIVE POWDERS WITH HIGH ABSORPTION AND HIGH CAPILLARY INTAKE

(title of discovery or invention)

 for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been executed on even date herewith, for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been filed on _____,
under Serial No. _____, and

WHEREAS:

Elf Atochem S.A., 4/8 Cours Michelet, 92800 Puteaux, FRANCE

(name and address of assignee)

(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

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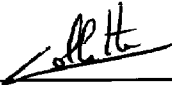
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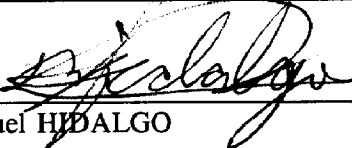
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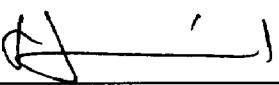
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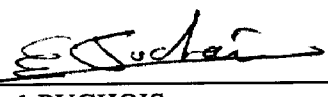
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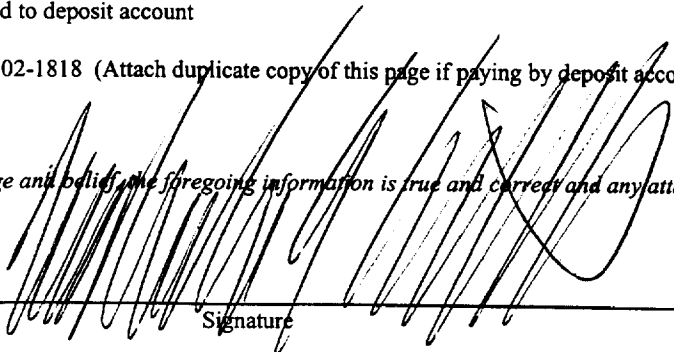
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