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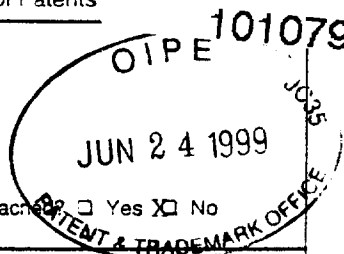
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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, I, Hendrik Thooft, having a post office address at Omgangstraat 186, B-9750 Zingem, BELGIUM, have invented new and useful improvements in COMBINATION REINFORCEMENT FOR FLOOR ON PILES for which I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application having been filed on the 13th day of April 1999; and

WHEREAS, N.V. BEKAERT S.A., having a place of business at Bekaertstraat 2, B-8550, Zwevegem, Belgium, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters patent and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, I, Hendrik Thooft, hereby assign, sell and transfer unto said N.V. Bekaert S.A., the full and exclusive right to said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries, and said application for Letters Patent and any and all inventions disclosed therein and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

I hereby authorize and request the Patent Office officials in the United States and in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said

N.V. Bekaert S.A. as the assignee of my entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said N.V. Bekaert S.A., its successors and assigns.

Further, I agree that I will communicate to said N.V. Bekaert S.A. or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuations, substitutions, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said N.V. Bekaert S.A., make all rightful oaths and generally to do everything possible to aid said N.V. Bekaert S.A., its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

X 21 day of X April, 1999.

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