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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS the undersigned (hereinafter "ASSIGNOR") have invented certain new and useful improvements in

**FILTER UNIT AND APPARATUS FOR DESLUDGING SALT BATHS**

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed on this date;

WHEREAS **Houghton Durferrit GmbH**  
**Industriestraße 3**  
**68169, Mannheim**  
**GERMANY**

a German corporation (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, the said ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE, full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and all other countries 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 all other countries.

SAID ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue and transfer said Letters Patent to said ASSIGNEE, as the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and for the use of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by said ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made.

WITNESS, the hand and seal of the ASSIGNOR on the date(s) indicated.

Date(s)

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Mannheim, 21.05.1999

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