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whose post office address(es) appear(s) below, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, is(are) the owner of certain new and useful improvements in METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A HYDROCARBONS PRODUCTION WELL ACTIVATED BY INJECTION OF GAS

(hereinafter referred to as the INVENTION) for which an application for United States Letters Patent was

executed on even date herewith

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WHEREAS, Elf Exploration Production

whose post office address is Tour Elf - 2 Place de la Coupole, La Defense 6 - 92400 Courbevoie, FRANCE

hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I (we), ASSIGNOR, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said INVENTION and application throughout the United States of America, including any and all Letters Patent granted on any division, continuation, continuation-in-part and reissue of said application.

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