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

PRECIPITATED SILICIC ACID

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed concurrently herewith unless otherwise indicated and claims the benefit of German priority application 198 40 153.1 filed September 3, 1999

WHEREAS, DEGUSSA-HÜLS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT,  
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a German Corporation (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same:

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of good and valuable consideration, the said ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE, the 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 therefore in the United States, and all other countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, and extensions thereof.

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The ASSIGNOR authorizes any attorneys and agents who have a power of attorney in this application to check any appropriate

