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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of §
James H. Arps et al § **Date:**
§
Serial No.: 09/335,718 § **Action:** Assignment
§
Filed: June 18, 1999 §

Title: Fuel Cell Membrane Electrode Assemblies With Improved Power Outputs and Poison Resistance

**TO: Commissioner of Patents
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WHEREAS, SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR"), a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, having its principal office at 6220 Culebra Road, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, is the owner by assignment from James H. Arps, of all his right, title and interest in a patent application for Fuel Cell Membrane Electrode Assemblies With Improved Power Outputs and Poison Resistance, which has been executed by him on November 18, 1999, and

WHEREAS, GORE ENTERPRISE HOLDINGS, INC. (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 551 Paper Mill Road, Newark, Delaware, is desirous of obtaining ASSIGNOR'S right, title and interest in and to said patent application and the inventions therein described and claimed and any Letters Patent that may be issued upon said patent application or for the inventions therein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) lawful money of the United States and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned and transferred and does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, its right, title and interest in and to said patent application and the inventions therein contained, including: (1) the right to apply for any Letters Patent in the

United States and in all foreign countries on said invention; (2) the right to claim for such foreign applications the priority date of said United States patent application, including the right to priority under the International Convention of 1883 and any later modifications thereof; and (3) all rights in and to any Letters Patent that may issue thereon or therefor, in the United States or foreign countries, including all reissues, extensions, renewals, divisions and continuations, and continuations-in-part thereof.

ASSIGNOR requests that any and all such Letters Patent for said invention be issued to ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate.


ASSIGNOR agrees that it will at any time upon request of ASSIGNEE communicate to ASSIGNEE any facts known to it relating to the said invention and the history thereof, and will without cost or charge to ASSIGNOR, but at the expense of ASSIGNEE, execute all papers, including depositions, answers to interrogatories and other like documents and papers which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing, maintaining and enforcing patents for said invention in any and all countries and for vesting title thereto in ASSIGNEE or its nominees, and further, ASSIGNOR agrees to use its best efforts to cause its employees and former employees to do likewise, if such is requested by ASSIGNEE.

ASSIGNOR further covenants with ASSIGNEE that the right and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that ASSIGNOR has the full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I John F. Sprencel, have hereunto set my hand and seal on behalf of said corporation this 29 day of NOVEMBER, 1999.

SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE

(Seal)

By 
John F. Sprencel
Title Vice President-Finance



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On this 29th day of November 1999, before me, Louis Rodriguez, a Notary Public for the State of Texas, personally appeared John F. Sprencl known to me and being duly sworn by me, did depose and say that he resides at 123 Highview, San Antonio, Texas; that he is Vice President-Finance of SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, the corporation that executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument was said corporate seal; that it was so affixed by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like authority.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 29th day of November, 1999.

Louis Rodriguez
Notary Public, State of Texas

