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Bernhard EICHER

Insert Name(s)
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the undersigned hereby sell(s) and assign(s) to

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Address

(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the entire right, title and interest for the United States as defined in 35 USC 100, in the invention known as

Wire netting for a gravel screen or for protecting a soil

Title of
Invention

surface layer, as well as a process and a device for

manufacturing it.

for which an application for patent in the United States has been executed by the undersigned on

September 29, 1999

Date of Signing
of Application

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

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The undersigned hereby grant(s) the firm of WENDEROTH, LIND & PONACK, L.L.P., 2033 K Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006, the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office for recordation of this document.

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U.S. Application Serial No. _____ Filing Date _____

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Title of Invention Wire netting for a gravel screen or for protecting a soil surface layer, as well as a process and a device for manufacturing it.