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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR PATENT

WHEREAS, we, Joerg Riesop and Heike Krautbauer citizens of Germany and residents of Bruesseler Strasse 19, 50171 Kerpen, Germany and Bruesseler Strasse 19, 50171 Kerpen, Germany; respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvement in ALKALINE STRIP PASSIVATION for which we have made application for United States Letters Patent, said application having been filed as PCT international application number PCT/EP98/04670 on July 25, 1998 designating the United States of America; and various other countries; and

WHEREAS, Henkel Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien (Henkel KGaA) a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Germany and having a place of business at Henkelstrasse 67, 40589 Duesseldorf, Germany is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all Letters Patent which may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that we, the said Joerg Riesop and Heike Krautbauer for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to us in hand paid by the said Henkel KGaA and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said Henkel KGaA its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all Letters Patent that may issue thereon

in the United States and any other country or countries together with any division, divisions, extension or extensions, reissue or reissues thereof;


AND, we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent which may issue upon said invention to said ~~Henkel KGaA~~ as assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all Letters Patent that may issue thereupon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand as of the following date(s).



Joerg Riesop

Date 24.02.2000



Heike Krautbauer

Date 24.02.2000