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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, GREGORY L. WELLS of 907 Elm Boulevard, Liberal, Kansas 67901, have ten percent (10%) ownership in the inventorship of certain new and useful improvements in

### METHODS FOR THERMALLY DEGRADING UNWANTED SUBSTANCES USING PARTICULATE METAL COMPOSITIONS

for which the following applications 09/093,280, filed June 8, 1998; 09/379,442, filed August 23, 1999; 09/379,480, filed August 23, 1999; and 09/379,048, filed August 23, 1999, for Letters Patent of the United States are pending; and

WHEREAS, HYDRONICS, L.L.C., a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Kansas, and having its principal place of business at 111 North Hillside, Salina, Kansas, 67401, is desirous of acquiring an interest in, to and under said invention, said application and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention in the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I, GREGORY L. WELLS have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said HYDRONICS, L.L.C., my entire right, title and interest, throughout the world, in, to and under the following:

- (a) said applications;
- (b) any and all refilings and continuations of said applications;
- (c) any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may issue from said applications, refilings, division and continuations;
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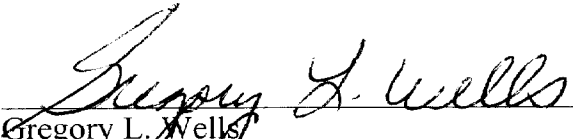
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- (e) any and all applications for Letters Patent upon said invention which may hereafter be filed in any and all countries foreign to the United States of America;
- (f) any and all refilings, divisions and continuations of said foreign-filed applications;
- (g) any and all Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America which may issue from the said foreign-filed applications, refilings, divisions and continuations; and
- (h) any and all extension of, and additions to, said Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America.

ALL of the above shall be held and enjoyed by said HYDRONICS, L.L.C. for its own use and behoof, and for its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

Executed this 8 day of December, 19 99.

  
 Gregory L. Wells

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On this 8 day of December, 19 99, before me personally appeared GREGORY L. WELLS to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4/16/02

