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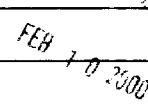
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WHEREAS, I, Ashutosh MISRA, have invented certain new and useful improvements in: STABILIZED SLURRY COMPOSITIONS, for which an application for Letters Patent Serial No. 09/444,715, was filed November 24, 1999, and

WHEREAS, AIR LIQUIDE AMERICA CORPORATION (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), a Delaware corporation, having a place of business at: 2700 Post Oak Blvd., Ste. 1800, Houston, Texas 77056, U.S.A., desires to acquire from Ashutosh MISRA, the entire right, title and interest he/she has in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted thereof in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all countries foreign to the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, all my right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all countries foreign to the United States and my entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all countries foreign to the United States, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions, and renewals thereof.

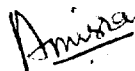
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Ashutosh MISRA, (Inventor)