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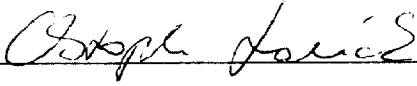
WHEREAS, We, Christoph Lesniak, Thomas Schiestel, Rüdiger Nass, and Helmut Schmidt, having the addresses indicated below, are joint inventors of certain subject matter entitled PROCESS FOR PREPARING AGGLOMERATE-FREE NANOSCALAR IRON OXIDE PARTICLES WITH A HYDROLYSIS RESISTANT COATING (the "Invention"), for which we have executed U.S. Patent Application No. 09/171,065, filed in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on October 9, 1998 as the US national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP97/01758, filed April 9, 1997;

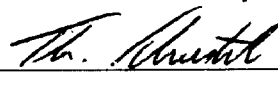
AND WHEREAS, Institut für neue Materialien gemeinnützige GmbH, having an address at Im Stadtwald - Gebäude 43a, 66123 Saarbrücken, Germany ("INM") desires to perfect its right to the Invention and in the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor from the United States of America;

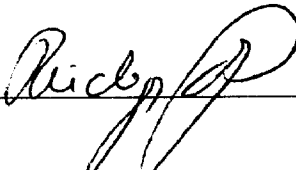
NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, We acknowledge INM's interest in the Invention and hereby assign to INM for the United States of America all my rights, title and interest in the Invention, as described and claimed in Application No. 09/171,065, or in any continuation, division, reissue, reexamination or extension thereof; the Invention, application and Letters Patent to be owned by INM, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which such Letters Patent may be granted.


This assignment is effective as of April 9, 1997.

I have read and understand this Assignment document for Application No. 09/171,065 and agree hereto, as indicated by my signature as set forth below.

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