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FOR \$100 Canadian (one hundred Canadian dollars), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

HANDY CHEMICALS LIMITED/PRODUITS CHIMIQUES HANDY LIMITEE, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Canada and having a principal place of business at 745 Ste-Rose, La Prairie, Quebec, Canada, J5R 1Z2 ("ASSIGNOR"),

hereby assigns, transfers and sets over to:

L'ENVIRONNEMENT EAGLEBROOK QUEBEC LIMITEE, a corporation organized under the laws of Canada and having a principal place of business at Varenne, Quebec, Canada ("ASSIGNEE"),

the entire worldwide right, title and interest in and to those patents identified in Schedule A, attached hereto, applications for patents, including those identified in Schedule B, attached hereto, the inventions for which the aforementioned patents have issued and applications have been filed, and all rights and privileges thereunder, including all rights throughout the entire world to sue for all past infringements and other relief for use of the patented invention which may have occurred before the execution of this assignment and priority rights under any of the applicable international conventions.

(1) ASSIGNOR agrees

(a) to execute all papers

(i) to be used in connection with assigning rights under these patents and patent applications and all foreign counterparts to ASSIGNEE and filing or prosecuting any additional, continuing, or divisional applications, as the ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or expedient,

(ii) in connection with any legal or quasi-legal proceedings relating to these patents or applications or any additional, continuing, or divisional application thereof,

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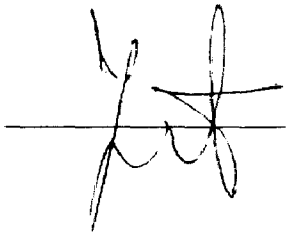
(3) ASSIGNOR covenants and warrants that it has full right to convey the entire right, title and interest by this instrument, free of any encumbrances and that no other agreement has been or will be executed in conflict herewith.

(4) ASSIGNOR grants to ASSIGNEE and to the law firm of LAFF, WHITESEL, CONTE & SARET, LTD. of Chicago, Illinois, authority and power to insert on this instrument any further identification necessary or desirable for purposes of recordation in the Patent and Trademark Office of any country.

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The parties agree that this agreement be drafted in English.

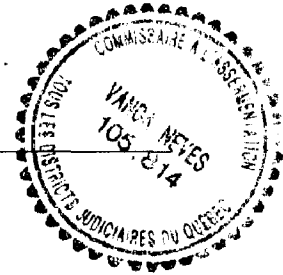
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Signature of Nelu Spiratos, President/CEO for ASSIGNOR  
[Name & Title]

I certify that the above-identified ASSIGNOR, personally known to me to be the same person or persons who signed the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that the said instrument was signed and delivered as the free and voluntary act of the ASSIGNOR, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal, this 14th day of December 1998.

*Vanda Neves*



**ACCEPTANCE**

W. W. Wowschuk Signature of Bill Wowschuk for ASSIGNEE. President  
Name & Title

I certify that the above-identified ASSIGNEE, personally known to me to be the same person or persons who signed the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that the said instrument was signed and delivered as the free and voluntary act of the ASSIGNEE, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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**SCHEDULE A**

| <b>COUNTRY</b> | <b>PATENT NUMBER</b> | <b>ISSUE DATE<br/>(YYMMDD)</b> |
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