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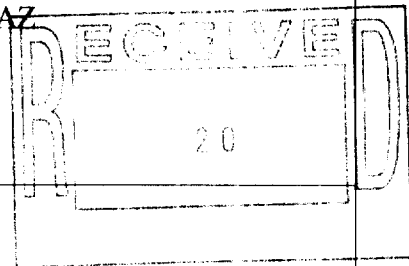
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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS we, Franck MANDICA , residing at 6 allée des Basses Barolles, 69230 Saint Genis Laval, France, and Dominique FONTAINE, residing at 34 avenue de Limburg, 69110 Sainte Foy Les Lyon, France, both citizens of France, (hereinafter referred to as the "ASSIGNORS"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in IGNITION OF GAS WEED KILLER, for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States which was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/IB98/00935 filed on 15 June 1998, and APPLICATION DES GAZ having an office and principal place of business at Lieudit le Favier, Route de Brignais BP 55, 69563 Saint Genis Laval, France (hereinafter referred to as the "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the improvements and the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration received, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the improvements, and the application and all divisions, renewals, substitutes and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States that may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent and any legal equivalent thereof, including the right to claim priority, that have been or may hereafter be filed for the improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent and any legal equivalent thereof that may be granted for the improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE for its own use and benefit and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives fully and entirely as if the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS if this Assignment had not been made, to the end of the term or terms for which any Letters Patent and any legal equivalent thereof may be granted;

AND ASSIGNORS HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to record this Assignment, and to issue all Letters Patent for the improvements to ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument;

AND ASSIGNORS HEREBY covenant that ASSIGNORS have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that ASSIGNORS have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement, assignment, sale or encumbrance in conflict herewith;

AND ASSIGNORS HEREBY further covenant and agree that ASSIGNORS will communicate to ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to ASSIGNORS respecting the improvements, and will testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications,

make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the improvements in all countries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ASSIGNORS have set their hands and seals to this Assignment.

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