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ASSIGNMENT

Attorney Docket No.: 3339-419

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, GILLES ARGY, citizen of France, residing at 15, ter, rue Nationale, F-78940 La Queue les Yvelines, France; ANDRÉ CHEYMOL, citizen of France, residing at 15, route de Descartes, F-86220 Dangé Saint Romain, France; NICOLAS GAROIS, citizen of France, residing at 417, rue de la Coopérative, F-45200 Amilly, France; and JEAN TERRISSE, citizen of France, residing at 22a, rue de la Ganzau, F-67100 Strasbourg, France, respectively;

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in

POROUS MATERIAL, METHOD FOR MAKING SAME AND APPLICATIONS

for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been executed by me concurrently herewith, and

WHEREAS, HUTCHINSON S.A., a French corporation having a principal place of business at 2, ruc Balzac, F-75008 Paris, France, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment. We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this ______ day of <u>Filinary</u> 26, 2000.

(SEAL)

(SEAL) NDRE CHEYMOL (SEAL)

NICOLAS GAROIS

(SEAL) Indue JEAN TERRISSE

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Declaration of Witnesses

We, P. FAUCONNIER, and M.C. TOMASINI hereby declare that we were personally present and did see GILLES ARGY, ANDRÉ CHEYMOL, NICOLAS GAROIS, and JEAN TERRISSE duly Sign and execute the forgoing assignment.

Date February 28, 2000

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(Typed Name of Witness #1) Patricia FAUCONNIER Cadre Juridique

Date February 28, 2000

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(Typed Name of Witness #2)

Marie-Claire TOMASINI

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