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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Max E. Ramey, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/480,092) Examiner:
Filed: January 10, 2000) Art Unit: 3673
For: SODIUM CARBONATE AND)
SODIUM BICARBONATE)
PRODUCTION FROM)
NAHCOLITIC OIL SHALE)

ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

WHEREAS, the below-named inventors ("Assignors") have invented and own a certain invention entitled: "SODIUM CARBONATE AND SODIUM BICARBONATE PRODUCTION FROM NAHCOLITIC OIL SHALE" (Attorney Docket No. 4915.02) for which application for letters patent has been executed on January 10, 2000:

1. Max E. Ramey, 515 East 11th Street, Rifle, CO 81650
2. John S. McEwan, 0080 Juniper Lane, Parachute, CO 81635
3. Kevin L. Green, 0016 Holly Way, Parachute, CO 81635
4. Charles L. Yates, 0525 Ponderosa Circle, Parachute, CO 81635
5. Allan L. Turner, 1476 S. Lee Court, Lakewood, CO 80232
6. Michael A. Rockendal, 4151 Creekpoint Court, Danville, CA 94506

7. Irvin P. Nielsen, 213 East 5th Street, Rifle, Colorado 81650
8. Michael P. Hardy, 783 25-3/4 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505
9. Rex Goodrich, 2338 Monument Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503

WHEREAS, American Soda, LLP, a Colorado limited liability corporation having offices at 2717 County Road 215, Parachute, Colorado 81635 (the "Assignee") desires to acquire the entire interest in, to and under the invention described in the application (the "Invention") and any Letters Patent or other legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States or any foreign country.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors hereby sell, assign and transfer to Assignee the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said Invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and to all Letters Patent to be obtained for said Invention as a result of the patent application or any continuation, continuation-in-part, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country (the "Letters Patent") for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

Assignors hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this Assignment.

Assignors further covenant that the Assignee will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to the application, the Invention and the Letters Patent as may be known and accessible to Assignor and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to Assignee or its legal representative any and all Assignment papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce the application, the Invention and the Letters Patent which may be necessary or desirable to assist Assignee in the perfection and fulfillment of its rights under this Assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignors have executed this Assignment on the date indicated below.

Max E. Ramey
Max E. Ramey

STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF Garfield) ss:
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by Max E. Ramey on the 8th day of May, 2000.

[SEAL] Larita K. Eddy
Notary Public

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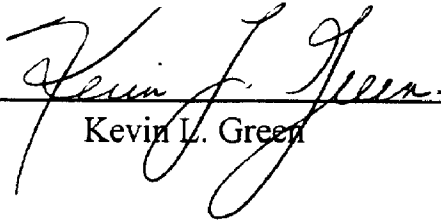
John S. McEwan
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COUNTY OF Garfield) ss:
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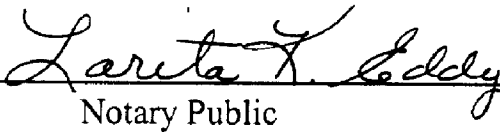


Kevin L. Green

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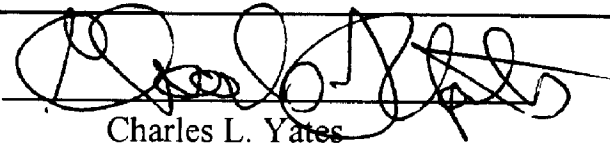
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Charles L. Yates

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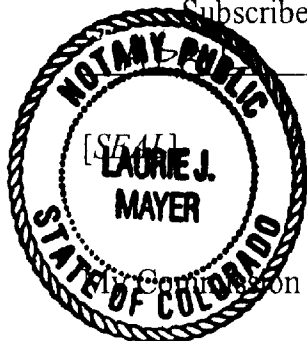
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Allan L. Turner
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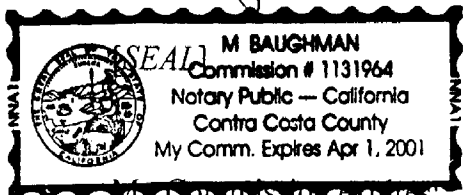
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Michael A. Rockendal
Michael A. Rockendal

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF Contra Costa)

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Notary Public

My Commission expires: 4-1-2001

Irvin P. Nielsen
Irvin P. Nielsen

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) ss:
COUNTY OF Garfield)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Irvin P. Nielsen on the 9th day of
May, 2000.

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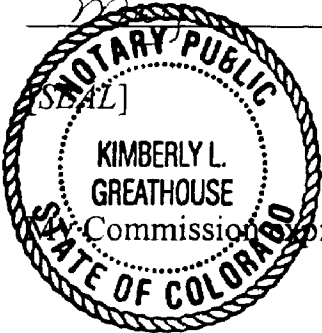
Larita K. Eddy
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 11-01-2002

Michael P. Hardy
Michael P. Hardy

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) ss:
COUNTY OF Windsor)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Michael P. Hardy on the 11th day of
May, 2000.



Kimberly L. Greathouse
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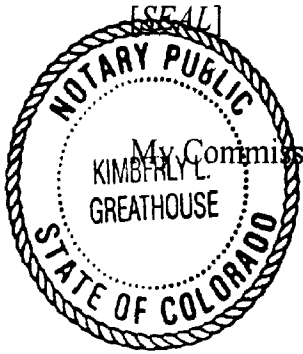
Rex Goodrich
Rex Goodrich

STATE OF COLORADO)

) ss:

COUNTY OF Mesa)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Rex Goodrich on the 11th day of
May, 2000.



Kimberly L. Greathouse
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