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In re application of:
HEGEMAN, J. et al

Serial No.: 09/419,685

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For: METHOD FOR REMOVAL OF
NICKEL AND IRON FROM
ALKALI METAL HYDROXIDE
MANUFACTURING PROCESS
REQUIRING THE USE OF
SODIUM BOROHYDRIDE

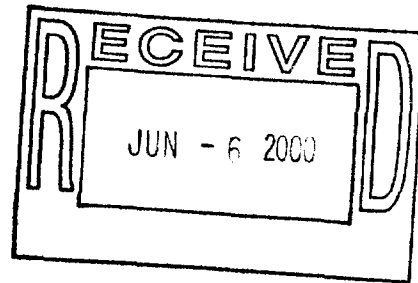
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ASSIGNMENT FOR UNFILED APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

WHEREAS, JOHN WILLIAM HEGEMAN of 411 Norigewock Street, Henderson Nevada 89014 US, TODD RICHARD PICKLE of 1889 Sunset Ridge Terrace, Henderson, Nevada 89012 US and GARY LEE SULIK of 2463 Ping Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89014 US, (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

METHOD FOR REMOVAL OF NICKEL AND IRON FROM ALKALI METAL HYDROXIDE MANUFACTURING PROCESS REQUIRING THE USE OF SODIUM BOROHYDRIDE

for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been executed on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, PIONEER (EAST), INC., of 900 Market Street, Suite 200, Wilmington, DE 19801 US (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

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