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ASSIGNMENT

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WHEREAS, UNDERSIGNED

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citizen(s) of the United States of America residing at

4710 Benridge Lane, Charlotte, NC 28226-3241

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have invented certain new and useful improvements (INVENTION) disclosed, shown, and described in an APPLICATION for Letters Patent of the United States entitled

DEVICE FOR OPERATION AT ULTRA LOW RELAX TENSIONS

Docket No. 1999-18, said APPLICATION being executed concurrently herewith, and

WHEREAS, by virtue of a pre-existing obligation of assignment, the UNDERSIGNED has (have) been under a continuous obligation since prior to the invention of the subject matter of the said APPLICATION to assign the said APPLICATION to ARTEVA NORTH AMERICA S.à.r.l.

WHEREAS, ARTEVA NORTH AMERICA S.à.r.l., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Country of Luxembourg established at Talstrasse 80, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland, having an office at 4501 Charlotte Park Drive, Charlotte, NC 28217 (ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the INVENTION, in this and any foreign country, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States or any foreign country which may be granted embracing the INVENTION.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, UNDERSIGNED by these presents, sells, assigns and transfers unto ASSIGNEE, its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to the INVENTION, and in and to the said APPLICATION, and in and to any applications for Letters Patent which have been or may be filed in any foreign country on said INVENTION, and in and to any and all priority rights generated by the filing of said APPLICATION in the United States or any foreign country, which may be granted covering the INVENTION, including any continuations, substitutions, divisions, reissues, or renewals thereof, said Letters Patent whether of this country or any foreign country to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE for its interest, for its own use and behalf, and for its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by UNDERSIGNED had this assignment and sale not been made.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF this assignment has been executed by UNDERSIGNED on the date opposite his name.

Date 7-July-2000 Mach A. DeBenedictis (LS)  
Mach A. DeBenedictis

Date 10-July-2000 Virgil J. Adkins (LS)  
Virgil J. Adkins

Date 7-July-2000 Winston A. Phelps (LS)  
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On July 7, 2000, before me a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid,  
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Mach A. DeBenedictis

to me personally known to be the same person(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the  
foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he (they) executed said instrument as his (their)  
free and voluntary act, and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

Georgia D. Hicks  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: October 5, 2000

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On July 10, 2000, before me a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid,  
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Virgil J. Adkins

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