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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, CARL W. SIMS, YURI GERNER, and THOMAS J. THIELEN, citizens of the United States, and a resident of 1136 Coletter Place, St. Paul, MN 55116; 2086 Timmy Street, Mendota Heights, MN 55120; and 12120 - 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, Plymouth, MN 55442, respectively, are the inventors of certain new and useful improvement in "POST-BLENDING VALVE DEGASSER", for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States, the said application having been executed by Carl W. Sims on <u>ungust 4</u>, 2000; executed by Yuri Gerner on <u>Ungust 4</u>, 2000, and by Thomas J. Thielen on <u>Application</u> based on an application filed on August 20, 1999, as application Serial No. 09/378,592, and entitled "VACUUM DEGASSING"; and

WHEREAS, SYSTEC INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having its principal office located at 213 Old Highway 8, New Brighton, Minnesota 55112, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

Now, Therefore, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, we, the said CARL W. SIMS, YURI GERNER, and THOMAS J. THIELEN, have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said SYSTEC INC., our full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and our entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and extensions thereof.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent Office officials in the United States and any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said SYSTEC INC., as the assignee of our entire right, title and interest in

PATENT REEL: 011024 FRAME: 0135 and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said SYSTEC INC., its successors and assigns.

Further, we agree that we will communicate to said SYSTEC INC., or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said SYSTEC INC., make all rightful oaths and generally to do everything possible to aid said SYSTEC INC., its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

44 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 2000. day of naus

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On this 4th day of (lugast, 2000, personally appeared before me the above-named CARL W. SIMS, YURI GERNER and THOMAS J. THIELEN to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged the same to be their act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

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