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## ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, we, BLAINE K. PAXTON, of Oakland, CA; LAURENCE E. ALLEN III, of San Rafael, CA; and LARRY G. HEALD, of Concord, CA, hereby assign to MBA POLYMERS, INC., a California corporation having a place of business at 500 West Ohio Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804; and its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of an application for United States Patent signed by us, entitled A DEVICE FOR SEPARATING SOLID PARTICLES IN A FLUID STREAM, filed May 13, 1999, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 09/311,174, and we authorize and request the attorneys appointed in said application to hereafter complete this assignment by inserting above the filing date and serial number of said application when known; this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes; and we authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in our name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements; and we agree for ourselves and our respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Richmond, CA.  
this 18 day of September, 20\_\_\_\_  
- Blaine K. Paxton L.S.

State of CALIFORNIA :  
County of CONTRA COSTA : SS.

Before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000, personally  
appeared BLAINE K. PAXTON known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the  
foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for  
the purposes therein contained.



[Signature]  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 9/30/03

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Richmond, CA,  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000  
Laurence E. Allen III L.S.

State of California :  
County of Contra Costa : SS.

Before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000, personally  
appeared LAURENCE E. ALLEN III known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to  
the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed  
for the purposes therein contained.



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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 9/30/03

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Richmond, CA,  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000  
Larry G. Heald L.S.  
Larry G. Heald

State of CALIFORNIA :  
County of Contra Costa : ss.

Before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000, personally  
appeared LARRY G. HEALD known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the  
foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for  
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