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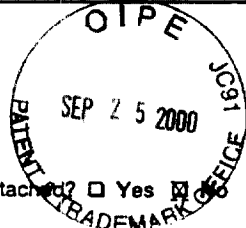
PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC.

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and

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original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):
James Robert Dray
Theodore Fringelin Fisher



Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC.
39 Old Ridgebury Road
Danbury, CT. 06810-5113
United States of America

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

Assignment

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Serial No. 09/645,536
Filed: 8/25/00

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved:

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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Stanley Ktorides

Name of Person Signing

Stanley Ktorides

Signature

9-21-00

Date

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**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION, PRIORITY RIGHTS
AND RIGHTS TO APPLY FOR PATENTS**

We, the undersigned, James Robert Dray and Theodore Fringelin Fisher, both Engineers
and Citizens of the United States of America, residing at 267 Hartford Avenue, Buffalo, New York
14223 and 109 Jeanmoor Road, Amherst, New York 14228, respectively,

HEREBY STATE UNDER OATH that we are the original, first and true inventors of an invention
for _____

CRYOGENIC RECTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING ATMOSPHERIC FLUIDS
as described and/or claimed in our application for Letters Patent in the United States of America,
executed on the 17 day of August, 2000, (Docket No. D-20923).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of our employment by Praxair, Inc. manufacturers, a
corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America,
having an office at 39 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06810-5113, United States of
America, and in fulfillment of our pre-existing obligation of assignment to our employer,

WE DO HEREBY ASSIGN, TRANSFER AND SELL our entire right, title, and interest in and to said
invention and application unto

PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC.

technology licensors, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware,
United States of America, its successors and nominees, having an office at 39 Old Ridgebury Road,
Danbury, Connecticut 06810, United States of America and being a wholly owned subsidiary of the said
Praxair, Inc., as the Assignee, without any restrictions, reservations or limitations, the entire right, title
and interest in and to the aforesaid application for Letters Patent and all patents which may be granted
thereon, and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues and extension thereof;

INCLUDING ALL RIGHTS in and to said invention in any country of the world, including, but
not limited to, all priority rights derived from the aforesaid application for Letters Patent by virtue of the
International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and for any and all member countries of
the aforesaid International Convention;

AND FURTHER INCLUDING THE SOLE RIGHT to file such applications under the Patent Laws of
any country of the world in its name and/or ours, and the sole right to have patents granted on said
applications in its name and/or ours to the full end of the term for which said patents may be granted as
fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment not been made, and to
enforce said patents with our right to sue in any court of competent jurisdiction and obtain all remedies
available, including but not limited to injunctions and to recover lost profits or compensatory and
enhanced damages and attorneys fee for any and all infringements thereof,

AND AUTHORIZE our attorney of record to insert below in this instrument the serial number and filing
date of said application;

AND AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents on said invention resulting therefrom to said PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC. as Assignee of the entire right, title and interest, and covenant that we have the full right so to do, and agree that we will communicate to said PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC. or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention and testify in legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, continuation-in-part, extensions and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC. its successors, assigns, or nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

SIGNED AND SEALED AT Tonawanda, NY this 17 day of August, 2000.

WITNESSES:

- 1. Julie A. Demmin
- 2. James Robert Dray

James Robert Dray
JAMES ROBERT DRAY

State New York)
County of Erie) ss:

This 17 day of August, 2000, before me personally came the above-named James Robert Dray to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who has acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Julie A. Demmin
Notary Public

(Seal)

JULIE A. DEMMIN
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Erie County
My Commission Expires 4/5/01

SIGNED AND SEALED AT Tonawanda NY this 17

day of August, 2000.

WITNESSES:

- 1. Julie A. Demmin
- 2. [Signature]

Theodore Fringelin Fisher
 THEODORE FRINGELIN FISHER

State of New York)
 County of Eric) ss:

This 17 day of August, 2000, before me personally came the

above-named Theodore Fringelin Fisher to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who has acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Julie A. Demmin
 Notary Public
 JULIE A. DEMMIN
 Notary Public, State of New York
 Qualified in Erie County
 My Commission Expires 4/5/01

(Seal)

SIGNED AND SEALED AT _____ this _____

day of _____, 2000.

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- 2. _____

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 County of _____) ss:

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Notary Public

(Seal)

ACCEPTANCE

WE, the undersigned, PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC. of 39 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06810, United States of America, do hereby declare that we have accepted the foregoing assignment.

Danbury, Connecticut, U.S.A. September 21, 2000

(Seal)

PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Witness: Rose Ann Merenda

By: Joann M. Jelsa
Joann M. Jelsa
Authorized Agent

Witness: Christina Tommen

The application identified above as Docket No. D-20923 was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 25, 2000 and was given Serial Number 09/645,536.

This insertion was made by me this 21st day of September, 2000

Stanley Ktorides
Stanley Ktorides
Attorney For Applicants

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