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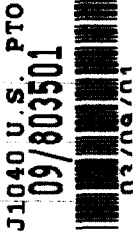
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Kevin W. Smith, the undersigned officer and employee of Clearwater, Inc., a corporation of Pennsylvania having offices at 5605 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15225, have made inventions or improvements entitled:

Treating Shale and Clay in Hydrocarbon Producing Formations with Combinations of Guar and Potassium Formate

and have this 8 day of March, 2001 executed an application for United States Letters Patent for said inventions or improvements;

NOW THEREFORE, and intending to be legally bound, I hereby assign and transfer unto said Clearwater, Inc. the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and inventions or improvements for the United States and all foreign countries, together with all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part and reissues of said application, with the right to file applications for and to obtain patents and/or other protection for said inventions or improvements in all countries foreign to the United States and to claim for such foreign applications the benefit of the International Convention.

Executed this 8 day of March, 2001.

[Signature of Kevin W. Smith]

Kevin W. Smith

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Pennsylvania)
County of Allegheny)
SS

Personally appeared before me this 8 day of March, 2001

Kevin W. Smith, to me known and known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed and delivered the same for the purposes therein stated.

[Signature of Jeannette L. Garbarino]
Notary Public

