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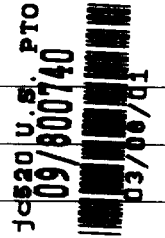
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Name: Noranda Inc.

Internal Address: BCE Place, 181 Bay Street

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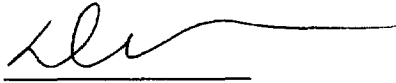
ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign(s) to **NORANDA INC.** of **BCE Place, 181 Bay Street, Suite 4100, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5J 2T3**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns (hereafter "the assignee") the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements in **IMPROVEMENT TO A CATHODE** and in the application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, and in any reissue, extension, division or continuation of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application or applications.

The undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee.

For said considerations, the undersigned hereby agree(s), upon the request of said assignee, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and renewal applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or supplemental oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application that said assignee may deem necessary or expedient, and for the said considerations the undersigned further agree(s) upon the request of said assignee, in the event of said application or any division thereof, or Letters Patent issued thereon, or any reissue or application for the reissue thereof, becoming involved in interference, to co-operate with said assignee, in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, and the undersigned hereby agree(s) to perform, upon such request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the said assignee as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment and sale had not been made.


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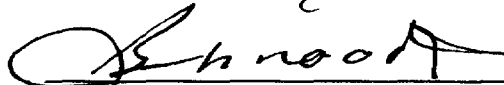
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