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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS we, Eit Drent, Wilhelmus Petrus Mul, and Bart Johan Ruisch, have invented a certain improvement in PROCESS FOR THE CARBONYLATION OF FORMALDEHYDE.


WHEREAS we have executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States in connection with this invention.

WHEREAS, SHELL OIL COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation, is desirous of acquiring all rights to this invention in the United States:

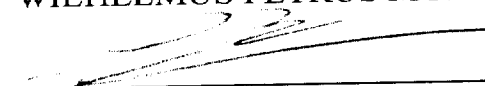
NOW THEREFORE for valuable consideration received, we hereby assign to SHELL OIL COMPANY, its successors and assigns, all rights to this invention in the United States of America, including all rights in the above-mentioned application and any patent which may be issued thereon in the United States and any other application which may be filed or patent which may be issued in the United States.

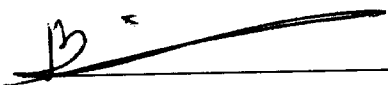
AND we hereby agree that we will upon request execute any instrument which SHELL OIL COMPANY desires to carry this assignment into effect and perfect the title transferred hereby to prosecute the above-mentioned application.

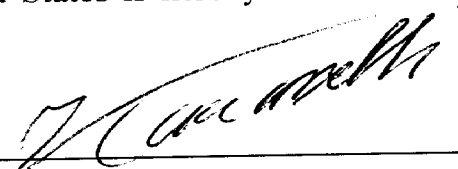
AND the Commissioner of Patents of the United States is hereby authorized to issue Letters Patent of said application to the Assignee.


  
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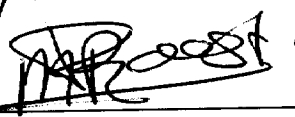
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