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WHEREAS, I, MICHAEL T. ROMANYSZYN, a citizen of the U.S.A, residing at 3720 Running Springs, San Antonio, Texas (hereinafter referred to as "Assignor") have invented certain new and useful improvements in a METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING FLUIDS, for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, LANCER PARTNERSHIP, LTD., a Texas limited liability partnership whose business address is 6655 Lancer Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78219, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvement and the said application.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Assignor, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner for Patents of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patents for said improvements to the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

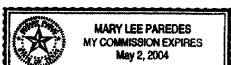
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I HEREBY covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

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