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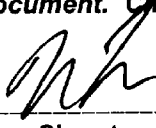
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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, WE,

- (1) Roger Suter
Houston
State of Texas
- (2) Gary Fout
Cypress
State of Texas

have invented certain improvements in

**SCREEN TENSIONING DEVICE AND METHOD
FOR VIBRATING SCREEN SEPARATOR**

and filed a United States patent application therefor on the following date(s):

- (1) April 18, 2001, Serial Number 09/837,131

WHEREAS, M-I L.L.C. (Assignee), a limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business in the City of Houston, State of Texas, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

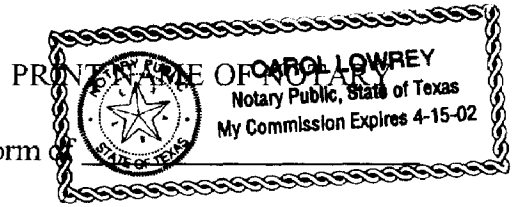
NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, the above named, hereby acknowledge my prior existing obligation and hereby sell, assign, and transfer to M-I L.L.C., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention therein disclosed for the United States and foreign countries, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisionals, renewals, continuing applications thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to M-I L.L.C., its successors and assigns; and we hereby agree that M-I L.L.C. may apply for foreign Letters Patent on the invention and we will execute all papers necessary in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by M-I L.L.C.

Signed and sealed:

LOCATION DATE SIGNATURE
 (1) 5950 North Course 7/24/01 Roger Suter
Houston, Texas 77072
 (1) State of Texas
 County of Harris) ss.

On this 24th day of July, 2001, before me personally came **Roger Suter**, to me personally known, and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and acknowledged to me that the execution of the same was a free act and deed.

Carol Lowrey CAROL LOWREY
 SIGNATURE OF NOTARY



Personally Known Produced Identification in the form of _____

LOCATION DATE SIGNATURE
 (2) 5950 North Course Drive 7/25/01 Gary Fout
Houston, TX 77072
 (2) State of Texas
 County of Harris) ss.

On this 25th day of July, 2001, before me personally came **Gary Fout**, to me personally known, and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and acknowledged to me that the execution of the same was a free act and deed.

Janna L. Thomas Janna L. Thomas
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