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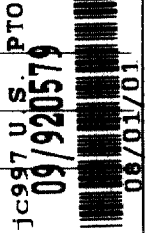
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ASSIGNMENT


I, Gautam S. Haldankar of Frankfort, County of Will, State of Illinois, having invented certain new and useful improvements in: DISPERSANT POLYMERS and, in consideration of the sum of one Dollar(s) (\$ 1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to me paid by THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY, a corporation of Ohio, having its principal office and place of business at Cleveland, Ohio, hereby assign to THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements in the United States, its territories, and all foreign countries, and in, to and under any of my applications for Letters Patent of the United States disclosing and claiming said improvements, completely executed September 18, 1997, and bearing Sherwin-Williams Patent Case No(s). 5177, and in, to and under any Reissue, Divisional, Continuing and Substitute application based in whole or in part thereon, and any corresponding application filed in any foreign country, and in, to and under any Letters Patent of the United States or any foreign country which may be issued on any of said applications.

Further, I do hereby covenant and agree for myself and my legal representatives to assist my aforesaid assignee, its successors and assigns in the prosecution of the said application or applications, and in any interference or litigation which may arise involving my said improvements, application or applications, or the said patent or patents, and to execute (1) any application for Reissue of the aforesaid patent or patents, and (2) any Divisional, Continuing, Substitute or foreign application based in whole or in part on the above specifically identified application or applications, and (3) any assignment of said applications or patents granted thereon, all as may be requested by my said assignee.

And I further grant to THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right to claim for any of the aforesaid patent applications any privileges available under Conventions or other agreements relating to Industrial Property or under the municipal law in the countries in which said applications are filed.

And I do hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents, and appropriately empowered officials of foreign countries, to issue Letters Patent or Patents upon the aforesaid application or applications to THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY, aforesaid, its successors and assigns, as assignee of my entire right, title and interest in and to the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18 day of SEPTEMBER, 1997.



Gautam S. Haldankar

State of IL)
County of Cook)ss

Before me, this 18 day of September, 1997, came Gautam S. Haldankar to me known to be ~~the person named therein~~ and acknowledged the execution thereof to be his own free act and deed.





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The application(s) for Letters Patent identified in the foregoing assignment as being executed September 18, 1997 and as bearing Sherwin-Williams Patent Case No(s). 5177, has, by the United States Patent Office been given the Serial No(s). _____ and filing date(s) _____, respectively.