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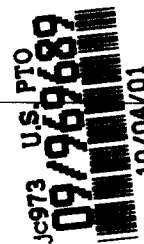
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**ASSIGNMENT OF U.S.A. PATENT APPLICATION**  
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**WHEREAS.**

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(hereinafter referred to as the "ASSIGNOR") have invented certain new and useful improvements in:  
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☐ filed on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

(hereinafter referred to as "said Application").

And WHEREAS, Vale Statutory & Mining Services Pty, a company organized under the laws of Australia and having a <sup>Limited</sup> principal place of business at: Lot 11 Vale Road, Moss Vale, New South Wales 2577, Australia (hereinafter referred to as the "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said Application and the inventions and improvements disclosed therein, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may issue therefor, including any and all divisions, continuations, reexaminations, reissues, renewals and/or extensions thereof.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the sum of one U.S. dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the

ASSIGNOR does hereby assign, sell, transfer and set over unto the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said Application and the inventions and improvements disclosed therein, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may issue therefor, and any and all divisions, continuations, reexaminations, reissues, renewals and/or extensions thereof, said ASSIGNEE to have and to hold the interests herein assigned to the full end of the term of any and all of such Letters Patent and of any and all divisions, continuations, reexaminations, reissues, renewals and/or extensions thereof, respectively, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the ASSIGNOR had this assignment not been made.

And for the consideration aforesaid, ASSIGNOR agrees that ASSIGNOR will, upon request, without expense to ASSIGNOR, testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, reexamination, reissue, renewal and/or extension applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do all other and further lawful acts, deemed necessary or expedient by said ASSIGNEE or by counsel for said ASSIGNEE, to assist or enable said ASSIGNEE to obtain and enforce full benefits from the rights and interests herein assigned.

This assignment shall be binding upon the ASSIGNOR's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and/or assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and/or assigns, as the case may be, of the ASSIGNEE.

The Commissioner of Patents is requested to issue such Letters Patent in accordance with this assignment.

I hereby authorize and request any attorney of record in said Application or any attorney of Larson & Taylor, Transpotomac Plaza, 1199 North Falrfax Street, Suite 900, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314, to insert above any information concerning the identity of the parties or of said Application including the Serial No. and filing date of said Application.

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