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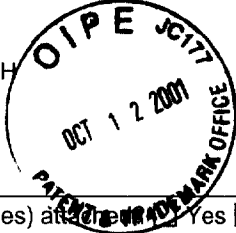


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  5. Stefanie KONIG



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- Name:
- EC ERDOELCHEMIE GmbH

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3. Nature of conveyance:

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Assignment  Merger

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Yes  No

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Name: Mr. Ernest F. Chapman

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved:  
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE BISTER, Hans-Jurgen, GAMMERSBACH, Alexander, GOHRT, Axel, GRUB, Joachim and KONIG, Stefanie all of German Nationality residing at Brombeerweg 1, 41470 Neuss, Germany, Dreikonigenstrasse 2, 41464 Neuss, Germany, Silesiusstrasse 76, 51065 Koln, Germany, Stettiner Srasse 19, 41539 Dormagen, Germany and Josef-Schwartz Strasse 57, 41542 Dormagen, Germany, respectively have invented certain new and useful improvements in "Process For Removing Cyclic Acetals From Wastewater Streamns" for which WE have executed application for Letters Patent of the United States on the 6th & 8th days of July 2001.

AND, WHEREAS EC Erdoelchemie GmbH having place of business at Alte Strasse 201, 50769 Cologne Germany is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said application; and all Letters Patent which may be issued thereupon in the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, WE, the said BISTER, Hans-Jurgen, GAMMERSBACH, Alexander, GOHRT, Axel, GRUB, Joachim and KONIG, Stefanie have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto EC Erdoelchemie GmbH their successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, titles and interest in, to and under 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 we hereby authorise and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

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

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the assignee herein, its successors, legal representatives and assigns any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful declarations, and generally do everything possible to aid the assignee herein, its successors, legal representatives and assigns in obtaining and enforcing proper patent protection for said improvements in the United States.

Dated: [Signature]  
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