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WHEREAS, I (WE)

Oliver Seeger, Donnersbergstr.20, 68163 Mannheim, Germany Citizen of Germany Norbert Mronga, Ringstr.2, 69221 Dossenheim, Germany Citizen of Germany

respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

Aqueous coating compositions comprising metallic pigment

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, I (WE), by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE(S), the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions and renewals thereof.

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