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Assignment of Invention

WHEREAS, I, **Stewart C. JEPSON** of **1021 Summit Hills Lane, Napperville, IL. 60563**, have invented certain new and useful improvements in: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF A CRYOGEN FOR INERT COVER IN METALS MELTING FURNACES** for which an application for Letters Patent was filed on **December 12, 2000**, having Serial No. **09/735,178**;

WHEREAS, **AIR LIQUIDE AMERICA CORPORATION** (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") having a place of business at: 2700 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1800, Houston, Texas 77056, U.S.A. desires to acquire from **Stewart C. JEPSON**, the entire right, title and interest he has in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted thereof in the United States and its territorial possessions;

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, all of my rights to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and my 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 and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions and renewals thereof.

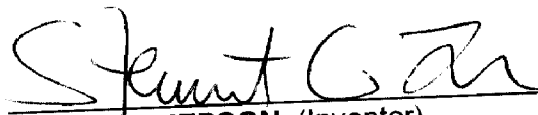
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