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WHEREAS, we, **Stephen PICKERING** a citizen of Great Britain, and **Boro DJURICIC** a citizen of The Netherlands respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements as described in an application entitled **PRECIPITATION PROCESS** for Letters Patent of the United States, the application having been executed on even date herewith, and/or being identifiable in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Serial No.

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WHEREAS, **EUROPEAN COMMUNITY**, Represented by the **COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES** a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Luxembourg and having offices, **Rue Alcide De Gasperi, L-2920 Luxembourg** ("Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the application, and any and all Letters Patent or similar legal protection, foreign or domestic, to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, we transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the above-identified application, corresponding domestic and foreign applications, all Letters Patents or similar legal protection issuing thereon, and all rights and benefits under any applicable treaty or convention; and we authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States or foreign equivalent thereof to issue the Letters Patent of similar legal protection to the Assignee.

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