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- 1. Conveying Party: Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp, a Delaware Corporation
- 2. Receiving Party: Black & Veatch Holding Company, a Delaware Corporation
- Address: 11401 Lamar Avenue, Overland Park, Kansas 66211

Assignee is domiciled in the United States.  
 Assignee is not domiciled in the United States. A Designation of a Domestic Representative is attached.

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Entire interest in SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIGH SPEED DEWATERING OF SLURRIES and Applications for letters patent in the United States, Canada, and Australia.

Date Executed: August 22, 2001 Interest Conveyed:  Entire  Other

5. Please record the enclosed document against the following:

patent application(s)  issued patent(s)

Application Serial No. 09/849,649, filed May 4, 2001, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIGH SPEED DEWATERING OF SLURRIES

6. Please address all correspondence concerning recordation of this document to: Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy, P.C., Attention Marcia J. Rodgers, 120 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

On the date shown below, and for good and valuable consideration the receipt of which is acknowledged, Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp., a Delaware corporation, having offices at 11401 Lamar Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66211 ("BVSPC") made the following assignment and promises to Black & Veatch Holding Company ("Assignee"), a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 11401 Lamar Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66211, in connection with BVSPC's ownership of a new, original, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIGH SPEED DEWATERING OF SLURRIES.

1. BVSPC hereby assigns, transfers, and conveys to Assignee its entire right, title and interest in and to:
  - (a) the Invention;
  - (b) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/849,649 filed on May 4, 2001.
  - (c) any U.S. Letters Patent issued pursuant to, or as a result of, the application referenced above;
  - (d) all applications for Letters Patent, or similar legal protection, which may be filed in Canada or Australia with respect to the Invention;
  - (e) any Letters Patent which may be granted for the Invention in Canada or Australia;
  - (f) all extensions, renewals, reissues, divisions, and continuations (or their legal equivalents) of any applications or Letters Patent referred to above.

2. BVSPC authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of Australia or Canada whose duty it is to issue patents or similar legal protection on applications, to issue to Assignee all Letters Patent or similar legal protection for the Invention or improvements.

3. BVSPC agrees that, upon the request of Assignee, it will:
  - (a) execute any and all divisional and renewal applications for the Invention or improvements;
  - (b) execute any supplemental oath relating to the Invention or improvements;
  - (c) execute any application for reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon the applications;
  - (d) cooperate to the best of its ability in connection with any Interference proceeding, including but not limited to, cooperation in connection with preparing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support of such preliminary statement;

