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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	
		ciled in the United States.  domiciled in the United States. A Designation of a Domestic s attached.	
3.	Submission Type:		
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4.	Conveyance Document Type: Assignment		
		METHOD FOR HIGH SPEED DEWATERING OF SLURRIES and ent in the United States, Canada, and Australia.	
	Date Executed: August	22, 2001 Interest Conveyed: X Entire Other	
5.	Please record the enclosed document against the following:		
	X patent application	on(s) issued patent(s)	
	Application Serial No. HIGH SPEED DEWATERING C	09/849,649, filed May 4, 2001, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR F SLURRIES	
6.	Please address all correspondence concerning recordation of this document to: Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy, P.C., Attention Marcia J. Rodgers, 120 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105.		
7.	Total number of patent(s)/application(s) involved:		
8.	Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1660 for the recording fee of \$		
9.	X Our check No. 348184 is enclosed to cover the recording fee of \$40.00.		
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11.		es that to the best of his knowledge, all information e and correct and any copy of documents submitted herewith is inal documents.	
		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;

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- perform any and all affirmative acts to obtain Letters Patent and vest in (e) Assignee all rights in such Letters Patent related to the Invention in the United States, Canada and Australia; and
- perform such additional acts as Assignee may deem necessary or expedient **(f)** in connection with any of the matters stated above.
- BVSPC covenants and warrants that as of the date of this Assignment Agreement, BVSPC is the true and lawful owner of the entire right, title, and interest in the Invention, applications for Letters Patent and any Letters Patent which may issue under said applications in the United States, Canada and Australia, and has the full right and power to convey the same; that the same are free and clear of all liens, charges and encumbrances whatsoever, and that it has not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment Agreement.
- This Assignment Agreement is binding upon, shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be performed by the parties named, their heirs, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

Executed this 22 day of triguet, 2001.

Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp.

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-	Its_	Vice Mesident	

STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF JOHNSON

On this 22<sup>M</sup> day of City 151, 2001, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid came 5. Kent Sloan, who being duly sworn, did depose and state that he is <u>Vice Englant</u> of Black & Veatch Special Projects Corporation, the Corporation described in the foregoing instrument and that he executed said instrument on behalf of said Corporation with full authority to do so.

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