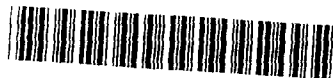


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In Re Application of
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Action: Assignment

Attorney Docket No.: SWRI-2834

Title: Life Extension of Chromium Coatings and Chromium Alloys

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

WHEREAS, we, Geoffrey Dearnaley, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at 19826 Wittenburg, San Antonio, Texas and Kevin C. Walter, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 37 Woodcrest Ln., Aliso Viejo, California are joint inventors of new and useful improvements in Live Extension of Chromium Coatings and Chromium Alloys, for which we have executed the referenced patent application for Letters Patent which was filed as stated above; and WHEREAS, we represent that we are joint owners of said invention, and said application for Letters Patent; and

WHEREAS, SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, hereinafter called "ASSIGNEE", a Texas Corporation having its principal office at 6220 Culebra Road, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, is desirous of acquiring our right, title and interest in and to the said application and the invention therein described and claimed and any Letters Patent that may be issued upon said application or for the invention therein contained;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty-five Dollars (\$65.00) lawful money of the United States, and other valuable consideration, to us in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof we hereby acknowledge, we the said Geoffrey Dearnaley and Kevin C. Walter have sold, assigned and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in and to (a) said invention and worldwide rights therein, (b) said applications, including all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part and substitutions thereof; and (c) all United States and foreign patents which shall issue on said invention, including all reissues, renewals, divisions and extensions thereof, for the United States, its territories and possessions and all foreign countries, including the right to file applications for Letters Patent on said invention in any and all foreign countries, the same to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and successors, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us, has this Assignment and sale not been made.

We request that any and all such Letters Patent for said invention be issued to ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate.

We covenant and agree that we and our executors or administrators will, at any time upon the request and at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable, in the opinion of said ASSIGNEE, to enable and assist said ASSIGNEE to (a) obtain Letters Patent, both domestic and foreign, on said invention; (b) establish, maintain and secure title in said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to said invention, applications and Letters Patent, including making such title of lawful and public record; and (c) defend, establish or otherwise preserve the validity of said Letters Patent against any and all infringers; and perform such other acts as are necessary to give full force and effect this Assignment.

ASSIGNORS further covenant with ASSIGNEE that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrances, and that ASSIGNORS have the full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have fully executed this Assignment this 5th day of July, 2001.

Geoffrey Dearnaley

Geoffrey Dearnaley

Kevin C. Walter

SWRI-2834

STATE OF TEXAS §
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Geoffrey Dearnaley** known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 5th day of July, 2001.

Shirley E. McDonald
Notary Public, State of Texas



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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have fully executed this Assignment this 20 day of June, 2001.

Geoffrey Dearnaley



Kevin C. Walter

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STATE OF TEXAS §
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Geoffrey Dearnaley** known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____, 2001.

Notary Public, State of Texas

STATE OF CALIFORNIA §
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Kevin C. Walter** known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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