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Whereas, I/we, GREENWOOD, Peter, BERGQVIST, Hans, SKARP, Ulf,

has/have invented certain new and useful improvements in

Mixture of silica sols

for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been executed on even date herewith; and

Whereas, Akzo Nobel N.V., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of The Netherlands, with its principal office and place of business at P.O. Box 9300, NL-6800 SB ARNHEM, The Netherlands, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the invention therein disclosed, described and claimed; in any and all continuations and divisions of said application; in any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may issue from said application or continuations or divisions thereof, including any and all reissue or reissues, of such Letters Patent; and, in any and all foreign applications corresponding to said application or applications, and such foreign Letters Patent which may issue therefrom;

Now, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to me/us in hand paid by the said Akzo Nobel N.V., the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I/we the said GREENWOOD, Peter, BERGQVIST, Hans, SKARP, Ulf, has/have bargained, sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby bargain, sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said Akzo Nobel N.V., its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to said application for Letters Patent, and the invention therein disclosed, described and claimed; in any and all continuations and divisions of said application; in any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may issue from said application or continuations or divisions thereof, including any and all reissue or reissues of such Letters Patent; and, in any and all foreign applications corresponding to said application or applications, and such foreign Letters Patent which may issue therefrom; the said Akzo Nobel N.V., for its own use and behoof, and, for the use and behoof of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent may be granted, reissued or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me/us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

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And I/we further covenant and agree that I/we will at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention, or any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, in Akzo Nobel N.V., its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, and that if the said Akzo Nobel N.V., its

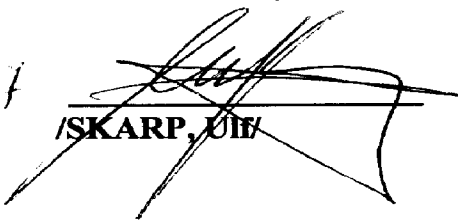
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In Witness Whereof I/we have hereunto set our hand and seal.

Date: 2001-02-27 
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Date: 2001-02-27 
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