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## A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, we, CHARLES F. GUTHRIE, residing in the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California; and ANIL PATEL, residing in the City of Fremont, County of Alameda, State of California, have invented new and useful improvements in OPTIMIZED CYCLE LENGTH SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPROVING PERFORMANCE OF OIL WELLS, set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States,

[ ] having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith;  
[X] bearing Serial No. 10/013,195 and filed on December 7, 2001; and

WHEREAS, CHEVRON U.S.A. INC., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the law of the State of Pennsylvania, and having a regular and established place of business in San Ramon, California, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to the Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefor:

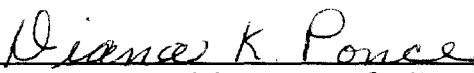
NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, CHARLES F. GUTHRIE, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said CHEVRON U.S.A. INC., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to all Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefor, not only for, to and in the United States of America, but for, to and in all other countries; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

SIGNED my hand at Richmond, California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002.

  
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CHARLES F. GUTHRIE

## STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Diana K. Ponce, whose full post office address is 100 Chevron Way, Richmond, CA 94802, was personally present and did see CHARLES F. GUTHRIE, who is known to me, execute the above assignment.

  
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(signature of witness)

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, CHARLES F. GUTHRIE, residing in the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California; and ANIL PATEL, residing in the City of Fremont, County of Alameda, State of California, have invented new and useful improvements in OPTIMIZED CYCLE LENGTH SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPROVING PERFORMANCE OF OIL WELLS, set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States,

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NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, ANIL PATEL, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said CHEVRON U.S.A. INC., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to all Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefor, not only for, to and in the United States of America, but for, to and in all other countries; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

SIGNED my hand at Richmond, California, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002.

  
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ANIL PATEL (ANIL PATEL)

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Diana K. Ponce, whose full post office address is 100 Chevron Way, Richmond, CA 94802, was personally present and did see ANIL PATEL, who is known to me, execute the above assignment.

  
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