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SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to **FINA TECHNOLOGY, INC.**, having a place of business at **15710 JFK BOULEVARD, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77032**, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries in and to any and all inventions and improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, which has been executed by the undersigned and is entitled "**A METHOD FOR STABILIZING VINYL AROMATIC MONOMERS USING SELECTED POLYMERIZATION INHIBITORS AND POLYMERS PREPARED THEREWITH**", (further identified as Docket No. API-1004(G)) such application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of such inventions or improvements; all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such inventions or improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application in the United States;

AUTHORIZE AND HEREBY REQUEST the issuing authorities to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such inventions or improvements to **FINA TECHNOLOGY, INC.**;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purposes of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee, and for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements;

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto subscribed their names on the date set opposite their signatures.

(Signature) James T. Merrill Date 1 May 2001  
Name: James T. Merrill

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 1st day of May, 2002 personally appeared the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Valerie Hungen  
Notary Public