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WHEREAS, WE, Eric STREICHER of 45 rue Raphael Corby, 78220 Viroflay, France; John FOSS of 932 East Bailey Road, Naperville, Illinois 60565; Mahendra L. JOSHI OF 369 Natalie Dr., Allentown, PA. 18104; and Harley A. BORDERS of 9687 South Bellmore Place, Highlands Ranch, CO. 80126; respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in: **Systems and Methods for Increasing Production of Spheroidal Glass Particles in Vertical Glass Furnaces** for which an application for Letters Patent was filed on **October 19, 2001**, having Serial No. **09/981,740**;

WHEREAS, AIR LIQUIDE AMERICA CORPORATION (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") having a place of business at: 2700 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1800, Houston, Texas 77056, U.S.A. desires to acquire from **John FOSS** the entire right, title and interest he has in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted thereof in the United States and its territorial possessions;

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, all of my rights to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and my entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions and renewals thereof.

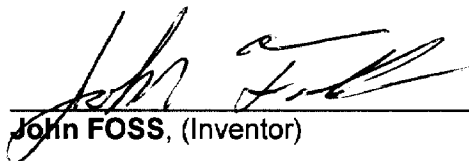
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