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WHEREAS, Robert M. Hunter, Frank M. Stewart, and Tamara Darsow have invented A method and apparatus for extracting precious metals from their ores and the product thereof and filed a patent application thereon in the United States, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING PRECIOUS METALS FROM THEIR ORES AND THE PRODUCT THEREOF" and bearing Serial Number 08/436,726 and filing date 05/08/95; and

WHEREAS, invention was made in the course of research supported by the National Science Foundation under NSF Grant DMI-9461234; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government is entitled to certain rights in and to said invention and application by reason of the terms relating to such support; and

WHEREAS, Yellowstone Environmental Science, Inc. (YES), hereinafter called the "Licensor" has acquired by assignment from the inventors the entire right, title and interest of the inventors to such invention;

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