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<p>4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: _____</p> <table border="0"><tr><td style="vertical-align: top;"><p>A. Patent Application No(s). (1) 10/014,795 (2) (3)</p></td><td style="vertical-align: top;"><p>B. Patent No(s). (1) (2) (3)</p></td></tr></table> <p style="text-align: center;">Additional numbers attached <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>		<p>A. Patent Application No(s). (1) 10/014,795 (2) (3)</p>	<p>B. Patent No(s). (1) (2) (3)</p>
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<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:</p> <p>Name: <u>Leonard C. Mitchard</u> Internal Address: _____ Street Address: <u>Nixon & Vanderhye P.C.</u> <u>1100 North Glebe Road</u> <u>8th Floor</u> City: <u>Arlington</u> State: <u>VA</u> Zip: <u>22201</u></p>	<p>6. Total number of applications & patents involved: <u>1</u></p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ <u>40.00</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account #14-1140</p> <p>8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper thereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.</p>
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<p>9. Statements and signature. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.</p> <table border="0"><tr><td style="text-align: center;"><u>Leonard C. Mitchard</u> Name of Person Signing Reg. No. 29,009</td><td style="text-align: center;"> Signature</td><td style="text-align: center;"><u>November 12, 2002</u> Date</td></tr></table> <p style="text-align: right;">Total number of pages including original cover sheet, attachments, and document: [3]</p>		<u>Leonard C. Mitchard</u> Name of Person Signing Reg. No. 29,009	 Signature	<u>November 12, 2002</u> Date
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RECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET

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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

2. Name: Asymptote Limited

Street Address: St. John's Innovation CentreCowley Road

City: Cambridge

State: England

Zip: CB4 4WS

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ASSIGNMENT FOR PATENT APPLICATION
(U.S. Rights Only)

WHEREAS, BP Exploration Operating Company Limited, (hereinafter ASSIGNOR) of Britannic House, 1 Finsbury Circuit, London, England EC2M 7BA, owns rights in U.S. application Serial No 10/014,795 entitled REDUCTION IN MINERAL SALT DEPOSITION, by virtue of an assignment from the inventors dated December 13, 2001, recorded in the United States Patent & Trademark Office on February 12, 2002 at Reel 012573, Frame 0035;

WHEREAS, Asymptote Limited (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the Country of England, having an office and place of business at St. John's Innovation Centre, Cambridge, England CB4 4WS is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

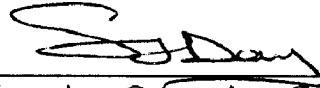
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNOR by these presents hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, ASSIGNOR'S entire right, title and interest in the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100, in and to the aforesaid application and all subsequent applications based thereon, including any and all continuations, divisions, reissues, and substitutes of said application, and all resulting patents, and the ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademark to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute any papers by ASSIGNEE, its successors,
assigns, and legal representatives, deemed essential to ASSIGNEE'S full protection and
title in and to the rights hereby transferred.

AGREED and executed as noted below:

1 November 2002

Date



BP Exploration Operating Company Limited
Susan Janet DAY - By Power of Attorney

Witnessed by:

Name: Christine Gravenell
Christine Gravenell

Date: 1 November 2002

Name: Sarah Gowers
Sarah Gowers

Date: 1 November 2002