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WHEREAS, SHELL OIL COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation, has equitable rights in and to this invention and desires to confirm such rights and to acquire all right, title and interest in and to said invention:

NOW THEREFORE, for valuable consideration received, I/we hereby sell, assign, and transfer to said SHELL OIL COMPANY, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to said invention in the United States and in all other countries throughout the world; including without limitation those in and to the above-named application and any continuation, substitute or division application thereof and the patent or patents which may be issued thereon in the United States and any reissue of any such patent, and those in and to any application or patent or utility model in any and all such other countries of the world, and further including the right to file further applications in all countries throughout the world in the name of SHELL OIL COMPANY or whomsoever that company may nominate, and to claim the priority of the above-named United States application under the International Convention of Paris of 1883.

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