



ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We

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have invented and own a certain invention entitled

**DRILLING FLUIDS AND METHOD OF DRILLING**

WHEREAS, I, as a joint inventor of the invention am executing an application for Letters Patent of  
the United States on the same date as the date appearing next to my signature below; and

WHEREAS, Imperial Chemical Industries plc, 20 Manchester Square, London, W1U 3AN, United  
Kingdom desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the inventions described  
in said specification, all applications filed or to be filed for Letters Patent therefor, and all Letters  
Patent granted or to be granted therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby  
acknowledged, we, by these presents, and intending to be legally bound, do hereby sell, assign,  
and transfer unto the said Imperial Chemical Industries plc its successors and assigns, the entire  
right, title, and interest in and to the inventions described in said specification and the application  
for

United States Letters Patent therefor, all applications for Letters Patent  
therefor which we may subsequently file in countries foreign to the  
United States, and all original and reissued patents granted to us for said  
inventions, and all divisions and continuations of said applications,  
including the subject matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in  
every such patent, and the right, where such right can be legally exercised,  
in its own name to apply for and obtain patents therefor in countries foreign  
to the United States of America, including the full right to claim for any  
such application the benefits of the International Convention as fully and  
entirely as we could have done if the application had been filed in our names,  
the entire interest in any Letters Patent which may be granted on any such

application in such foreign countries, of all said inventions, applications, Letters Patents, and improvements or variations to be held and enjoyed by the said Imperial Chemical Industries plc its successors and assigns for their own use and behalf, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this sale, assignment and transfer not been made;

AND WE AGREE TO execute upon request and without further consideration any and all instruments and documents for the filing and prosecution of applications for Letters Patent, including original, divisional, continuing, and re-issue applications, for the inventions assigned hereunder and for the assignment of the entire right, title, and interest therein to Imperial Chemical Industries plc its successors and assigns;

AND WE DO HEREBY AUTHORISE AND REQUEST The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any country, or countries, foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue any said Letters Patent to Imperial Chemical Industries plc its successors and assigns, as sole assignee.

N. Grainger (Date) 26/9/02

Neil GRAINGER

T. Cox (Date) 8-10-02

Terence COX

E. G. Scovell (Date) 24/9/2002.

Edward George SCOVELL

Witnesses: [Signature] (Date) 26/9/2002

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Witnesses: [Signature] (Date) 24/09/02

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