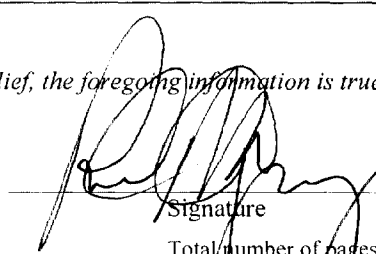


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WHEREAS, I, James Stephen Davis of Wingate, NC have made certain inventions which are described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled "ABSORBENT ANIMAL BEDDING MATERIAL AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AND USING SAME"; and

WHEREAS, Union Gypsum, Inc., a North Carolina corporation having a place of business at, 2619 Whitestore Road, Wingate, NC 28174, (hereinafter the "Company") is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in said inventions throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof, for all other countries and under all international agreements,

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Company, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof, for all foreign countries and under all international agreements in and to said inventions, the aforesaid application, all other applications hereafter filed in the United States, in any other country, or under any international agreement based in whole or in part on said inventions, and all Letters Patents granted upon said applications by the United States, by any other country or under any international agreement, and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Company. I further grant to said Company, its successors and assigns, the right to claim for any of said applications the full benefits and priority rights of any international agreement between the United States and any foreign country or countries or between any other countries.

I HEREBY warrant that I have the full right to make the conveyance herein, and I thereby covenant and agree to and with said Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that I will, whenever counsel of said Company or the counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said inventions, or said application for Letters Patent, or any country, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patent, or any reissue or extension of any Letters Patent, to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, testify in any legal proceedings, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of Letters Patent for said inventions, with compensation to and without charge to ourselves, our successors, legal representatives and assigns, but at the cost and expense of the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the date indicated with my signature.

Date: 12-17-02

  
JAMES STEPHEN DAVIS