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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I,

JOHN V. MARLOW , a Canadian citizen, whose full post  
office address is 48 Shore Gardens, Oakville, Ontario,  
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have invented a certain new and useful invention entitled :

**ONE-STEP ROTARY FORMING OF UNIFORM EXPANDED MESH**

for which an application was filed for Letters Patent of the United States on March 14, 2002.

WHEREAS, TECK COMINCO METALS LTD. , a company organized under the laws of Canada, having its registered office at #600 – 200 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6C 3L9, is desirous of acquiring all our rights in and to the said invention, application for Letters Patent and Letters Patent to be granted therefor in the United States of America and throughout the world;

NOW THEREFORE, for valuable consideration paid to me by the said TECK COMINCO METALS LTD. , the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, John V. Marlow, by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said TECK COMINCO METALS LTD. , its successors and assigns, my full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the said invention and said application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor, as fully set forth and described in the specification preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor, and in and to any and all United States of America Letters Patent and reissues or continuations thereof which may be issued for the said invention in the United States of America and throughout the world, to have and to hold for its own use and the use of its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same might be enjoyed by me if this sale and assignment had not been made; and

I AGREE to do all things reasonably required of me and to execute all instruments submitted to me by the assignee, at its own expense, for carrying out the full intent of this agreement; and I hereby request and authorize The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the United States Letters Patent to the said TECK COMINCO METALS LTD. , its successors and assigns.

I HEREBY FURTHER ASSIGN to TECK COMINCO METALS LTD., its successors and assigns, my entire and exclusive right, title and interest, in and to this invention disclosed in the said United States application throughout all countries foreign to The United States of America, and do hereby ratify any acts of TECK COMINCO METALS LTD., its successors and assigns, in applying for patents therefor in its

own name in countries where such a procedure is proper, and do agree to execute applications for patenting the said invention in the countries where it is necessary that the applications be executed by the inventor, and to execute assignments of the priority rights, applications and the patents to be obtained therefor to TECK COMINCO METALS LTD., its successors and assigns.

SIGNED at Mississauga Ontario this 27 day of Feb, 2003.

John V. Marlow  
JOHN V. MARLOW

CERTIFICATE OF WITNESS

I acknowledge that I was personally present and did see JOHN V. MARLOW who is known to me, execute the above assignment on the date therein set forth.

Name of Witness A. M. VINCE

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