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### ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned, to wit:

CARTRIDGE, David John  
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(hereinafter ASSIGNOR), has made an invention entitled:

Thickeners

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States

\_\_\_\_\_ was executed even date herewith and is about to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

X was filed as International Application No. PCT/GB01/02245 on 21/05/2001

AND WHEREAS Avecia Limited (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), duly organized and existing under the laws of England and Wales and having its principal office and place of business at Hexagon House, Blackley, Manchester, M9 8ZS, United Kingdom desires to acquire an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNOR does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the said invention in the United States and all foreign countries, as described in the aforesaid application, and to the said application and to all continuations, divisions, reissues and substitutes of said application, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

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