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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, MELVIN D. KISER of #6 Twin Valley Estates, Huntington, West Virginia, 25704 and DAVID C. BOYER, of 12 Fairway Drive, Huntington, West Virginia 25705, have invented a LOW VISCOSITY, HIGH CARBON YIELD PITCH PRODUCT for which we have executed application for United States Letters Patent, Serial No. 10/409,658, filed April 7, 2003; and

WHEREAS, MARATHON ASHLAND PETROLEUM LLC, of 539 South Main Street, Findlay, Ohio 45840-3295, a limited liability corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention and any Letters Patent to issue therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we, MELVIN D. KISER and DAVID C. BOYER do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said, MARATHON ASHLAND PETROLEUM LLC, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and invention in the United States and all countries foreign thereto, including the right of priority under the International Convention of 1883 and later modifications thereof, and to any Letters Patent to issue therefor, and we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue to said company any Letters Patent thereon, in accordance with the terms of this assignment.

We agree to execute any and all documents required by said company, its successors or assigns, for the prosecution of said application, or of any division, continuation, reissue, or reexamination thereof, or for securing foreign patents covering said invention, and also any documents required by it, its successors or assigns, to

more fully vest in it or them title to said invention, or to any application or patent that may be filed therefor or secured thereon.

Melvin D. Kiser
MELVIN D. KISER

David C. Boyer
DAVID C. BOYER

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On this 13 day of May, 2003, before me appeared MELVIN D. KISER, to me personally known, and acknowledged the signing of the above instrument to be his free act and deed.

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Maria B. Runyon 11/19/04
Notary Public

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On this 13 day of May, 2003, before me appeared DAVID C. BOYER, to me personally known, and acknowledged the signing of the above instrument to be his free act and deed.

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