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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, JOHN D. WILKINSON, HANK M. HUDSON, and KYLE T. CUELLAR, citizens of the United States, whose post office addresses are 2800 W. Dengar, Midland, Texas 79705; 2508 W. Sinclair, Midland, Texas 79705; and 1611 Cottage Point, Katy, Texas 77494, respectively, have made an invention entitled "LNG PRODUCTION IN CRYOGENIC NATURAL GAS PROCESSING PLANTS" as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States Patent Application No. 10/384,038, filed on March 7, 2003; and

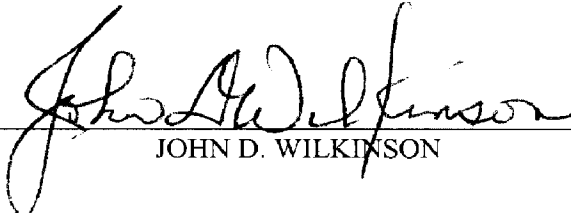
WHEREAS, ELKCORP INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office for the transaction of business at 14643 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1000, Dallas, Texas 75240-8871, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefor, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that We, the said JOHN D. WILKINSON, HANK M. HUDSON and KYLE T. CUELLAR for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to us in hand paid by said ELKCORP INC., and other valuable considerations unto us moving from said ELKCORP INC., at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said ELKCORP INC., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled "LNG PRODUCTION IN CRYOGENIC NATURAL GAS PROCESSING PLANTS" filed on March 7, 2003 as Application No. 10/384,038, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements including all priority rights, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

AND WE, the said JOHN D. WILKINSON, HANK M. HUDSON and KYLE T. CUELLAR, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said ELKCORP INC., as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said ELKCORP INC., its successors and assigns;

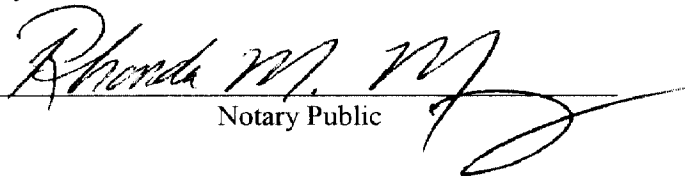
AND WE, the said JOHN D. WILKINSON, HANK M. HUDSON and KYLE T. CUELLAR, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said ELKCORP INC., its successors and assigns, that we have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that we, our executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents which, in the opinion of counsel for said ELKCORP INC., its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said ELKCORP INC., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges, and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that we will sign any applications for reissue which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patent which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the said JOHN D. WILKINSON, HANK M. HUDSON and KYLE T. CUELLAR, have hereunto set our hands and seals on the dates below written.

  
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JOHN D. WILKINSON

STATE OF TEXAS            )  
                                      : ss.:  
COUNTY OF MIDLAND    )

BE IT KNOWN, that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003, before me personally came JOHN D. WILKINSON, to me known and known to me to be the person mentioned in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the use and purposes therein mentioned.

  
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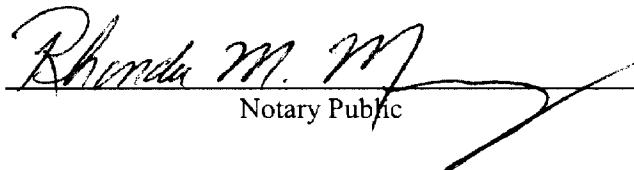


  
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HANK M. HUDSON

STATE OF TEXAS             )  
  : ss.:  
COUNTY OF MIDLAND     )

BE IT KNOWN, that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003, before me personally came HANK M. HUDSON, to me known and known to me to be the person mentioned in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the use and purposes therein mentioned.

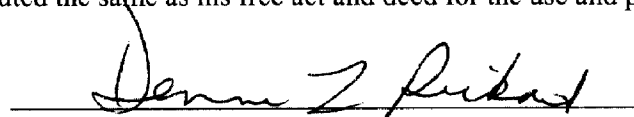


  
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KYLE T. CUELLAR

STATE OF TEXAS             )  
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COUNTY OF FORT BEND    )

BE IT KNOWN, that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2003, before me personally came KYLE T. CUELLAR, to me known and known to me to be the person mentioned in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the use and purposes therein mentioned.

  
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