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To the Honorable Commissioner of Pa

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1. Name of conveying party(ies): 7-16-03
Christopher Brian Leger

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC.
39 Old Ridgebury Road
Danbury, CT. 06810-5113
United States of America

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

Assignment

Execution Date: July 10, 2003

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

Serial No.: 10/464,541
Filed: June 19, 2003

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Miss Joann M. Jelsa
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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$40.00

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8. Deposit account number:

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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Donald T. Black
Name of Person Signing

Donald T. Black
Signature

July 15, 2003
Date

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: 4

**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION, PRIORITY RIGHTS
AND RIGHTS TO APPLY FOR PATENTS**

I, the undersigned, CHRISTOPHER BRIAN LEGER, an Engineer residing at
12203 Calaway Cove Court, Houston, Texas 77041, U.S.A., a citizen of the United States of America

HEREBY STATE UNDER OATH that I am the original, first and true inventor of an invention for
OXY-FUEL FIRED PROCESS HEATERS

as described and/or claimed in my application for Letters Patent in the United States of America,
filed on the 19th day of June 2003, as Serial No. 10/464,541 (Docket No. D-21,327).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of my employment by Praxair, Inc. manufacturers, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, having an office at 39 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06810-5113, United States of America, and in fulfillment of my pre-existing obligation of assignment to my employer,

I DO HEREBY ASSIGN, TRANSFER AND SELL my entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention and application unto

PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC.

technology licensors, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, its successors and nominees, having an office at 39 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06810, United States of America and being a wholly owned subsidiary of the said Praxair, Inc., as the Assignee, without any restrictions, reservations or limitations, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid application for Letters Patent and all patents which may be granted thereon, and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues and extension thereof;

INCLUDING ALL RIGHTS in and to said invention in any country of the world, including, but not limited to, all priority rights derived from the aforesaid application for Letters Patent by virtue of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and for any and all member countries of the aforesaid International Convention;

AND FURTHER INCLUDING THE SOLE RIGHT to file such applications under the Patent Laws of any country of the world in its name and/or mine, and the sole right to have patents granted on said applications in its name and/or mine to the full end of the term for which said patents may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment not been made, and to enforce said patents with my right to sue in any court of competent jurisdiction and obtain all remedies available, including but not limited to injunctions and to recover lost profits or compensatory and enhanced damages and attorneys fee for any and all infringements thereof,

AND AUTHORIZE my attorney of record to insert below in this instrument the serial number and filing date of said application;

AND AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents on said invention resulting therefrom to said PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC. as Assignee of the entire right, title and interest, and covenant that I have the full right so to do, and agree that I will communicate to said PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC. or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said invention and testify in legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, continuation-in-part, extensions and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC. its successors, assigns, or nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

SIGNED AND SEALED AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

this 10th day of JULY, 2003.

WITNESSES:

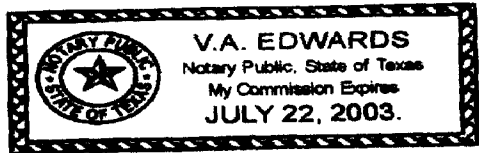
1. John Gately
2. Robert Savary

Christopher Brian Leger
CHRISTOPHER BRIAN LEGER

State of Texas)
County of Harris) ss:

This 10th day of July, 2003, before me personally came the above-named Christopher Brian Leger, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who has acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

V.A. Edwards
Notary Public



(Seal)

ACCEPTANCE

WE, the undersigned, PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC. of 39 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06810, United States of America, do hereby declare that we have accepted the foregoing assignment.

Danbury, Connecticut, U.S.A. July 15, 2003.

(Seal)

PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Helen S. Duncan
Witness:

By: *Joann M. Jelsa*
Joann M. Jelsa
Authorized Agent

Joanne Marotta
Witness:

The application identified above as Docket No. D-21,327 was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 19, 2003 and was given Serial Number 10/464,541.

This insertion was made by me this 15th day of July, 2003.

Donald T. Black
Attorney For Applicant
Donald T. Black