11-07-2003 RECORI 3T U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FORM PTO-1595 Patent and Trademark Office (Rev. 6-93) 100D/030599 OMB No. 0651-0011 To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and 102595266 original documents or copy thereof. 2. Name and address of receiving Name of conveying party(ies): party(ies): MIDREX INTERNATIONAL B.V. ROTTERDAM, ZURICH BRANCH MIDREX TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 2725 Water Ridge Parkway, Suite 100 Additional name(s) of conveying Charlotte, North Carolina party(ies) attached? \_ Yes X No 3. Nature of conveyance: X Assignment \_\_\_ Merger \_\_\_ Security Agreement \_\_\_ Change of Name \_\_ Other \_\_\_ Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes X No Execution Date: October 29, 2003 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: A. Patent Application No.(s) B. Patent No.(s) 10/392,430 (Filed 03/19/03) 6,214,087 (Issued 04/10/01) 6,582,491 (Issued 06/24/2003) Additional numbers attached? Yes X No 5. Name and address of party to whom 6. Total number of applications and patents correspondence concerning document should involved: be mailed: 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41)..... \$ 120.00 DOUGHERTY, CLEMENTS & HOFER 1901 Roxborough Road, Suite 300 X Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 Enclosed Charlotte, North Carolina 28211 \_\_ Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: 11/01/2003 LMUE(LER 00000002 10392430 (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit apcount) 01 F**0:8021** 120.00 OP DO NOT USE THIS SPACE 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. 3 .... Ralph H. Dougherty Name of Person Signing Signature Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and documents:

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, MIDREX INTERNATIONAL B.V. ROTTERDAM, ZURICH BRANCH, a corporation of The Netherlands, having a business address Bahnhofstrasse 94, CH-8001 Zurich, SWITZERLAND, is the owner by assignment of the following United States Patents and Patent Applications; and

WHEREAS, MIDREX TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a corporation of Delaware, having a business address of, 2725 Water Ridge Parkway, Suite 100, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217, USA, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, and intending to be legally bound, MIDREX INTERNATIONAL B.V. ROTTERDAM, ZURICH BRANCH, (hereinafter Assignor) hereby assigns, transfers and sets over unto MIDREX TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (hereinafter Assignee) the entire, full and undivided right, title and interest in, to and under the following Letters Patent and applications for Letter Patent and the inventions disclosed therein, and all foreign counterparts thereof, to the end of the term for which each of said US and foreign Letters Patent is or may be granted or may be reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made.

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|  | 6,214,087                                     | April 10, 2001       | TREATMENT OF IRON OXIDE AGGLOMERATED              |
|  | (Serial No. 09/272,276, Filed March 19, 1999) |                      | BEFORE INTRODUCTION INTO FURNACE                  |
|  | 6,582,491                                     | June 24, 2003        | METHOD FOR PRODUCING MOLTEN IRON IN               |
| (Serial No. 09/888,962, Filed June 25, 2001) |   | Filed June 25, 2001) | DUPLEX FURNACES                                   |
|  | Data Annie                                    |                      |   |
|  | Patent Application Serial Number              | Filing Date          | <u>Title</u>                                      |
|  | 10/392,430                                    | March 19, 2003       | METHOD FOR PRODUCING BENEFICIATED TITANIUM OXIDES |

The Assignor agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any continuing, divisional, reexamination or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with any such US or foreign applications or patents as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient or essential to its full protection and title in and to the invention hereby transferred.

The Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patents of the United States resulting from any division or continuing or reexamination or reissue applications of said Letters patent to the Assignee, as Assignee of the entire interest, and hereby covenants that Assignor has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that Assignor has not executed and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

Executed this 29th day of October , 2003.

MIDREX INTERNATIONAL B.V. ROTTERDAM, ZURICH BRANCH

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