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WHEREAS, new and useful improvements and inventions have been made in

CHROMIUM(VI)-FREE CONVERSION LAYER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT

and are the subject of United States Patent No. 6,287,704 issued September 11, 2001, and United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/904,993 filed July 13, 2001, which are further identified as Pearne & Gordon LLP Docket Nos. 31716 and 31716US1, respectively.

WHEREAS, SurTec International GmbH, a company with limited liability organized under the laws of Germany, having a principal place of business at Stuckertstr. 18, 64673, Zwingenberg, Germany, hereinafter referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring all right, title, and interest in the United States, its possessions and territories, in, to, and under said improvements and inventions and patent rights therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, all of the undersigned's right, title, and interest, in the United States, its possessions and territories, in, to and under said improvements and inventions and all patents, patent applications, patent rights, and inventor's certificates thereof, therefor, and therein, including without limitation said U.S. Patent No. 6,287,704 and United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/904,993, all divisions and continuations thereof, all patents which may be granted thereon, all reissues and extensions thereof, all right to sue for past infringement thereunder, and all applications therefore, have been and are hereby sold, assigned, transferred, and delivered unto assignee, its successors and assigns; and it is covenanted and agreed by the undersigned, and for executors, administrators, and legal representatives of the undersigned, that at assignee's request any and all applications, affidavits, assignments, and other instruments will be made, executed, and delivered as may be necessary, or desirable to secure for or vest in assignee, its successors or assigns, any improvement, inventions, right, title, interest, application, patent, patent right or other right or property covered by this assignment, and the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby requested and authorized to issue any and all United States patents granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under the same.

The undersigned hereby grants the firm of Pearne & Gordon LLP the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed below by the undersigned:

SurTec Produkte und System für die
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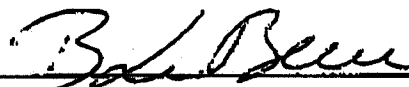
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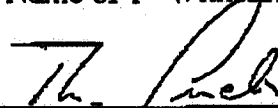
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