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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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SOCIETE NATIONALE DES POUDRES ET EXPLOSIFS

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5,326,796

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **SOCIETE NATIONALE DES POUDRES ET EXPLOSIFS**, having its place of business at **12, Quai Henri IV, 75181 Paris Cedex 04, France** (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR"), is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in the following U.S. Patent:

Patent No.
5,326,796

Grant Date
July 5, 1994

Docket No.
BA-21986

WHEREAS, **BERGERAC NC**, having its place of business at **Boulevard Charles Garaud, 24100 Bergerac, France** (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said above-identified patent, and the invention covered thereby, presently owned by ASSIGNOR;

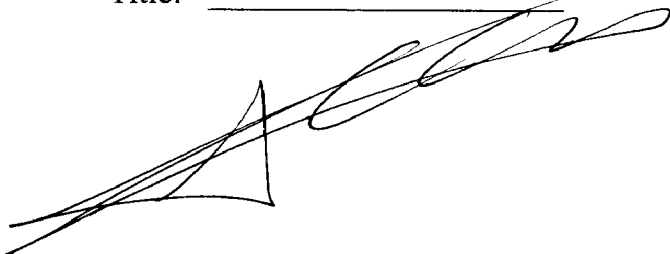
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and/or other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR, by these presents, does sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said above-identified patent, and the invention covered thereby, including the right to sue for past infringements, said patent to be held and enjoyed to the extent of the interest hereby assigned, by ASSIGNEE, for their own use and enjoyment and that of their legal representatives and assigns to the full end of the term of said patent, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR, had this assignment and sale not been made.

By: SNPE

Date: November 27, 2003

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