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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Kenneth N. Han of 5499 Blue Stem Court, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702, have invented a certain new and useful invention entitled "RECOVERY OF PRECIOUS METALS" for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States has been prepared for filing, said application being identified as Attorney File No. 4775-5 and executed on even date herewith;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that I, the said inventor, for and in consideration of certain good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, at the request of the assignee do sell, assign and transfer unto said assignee, SDSM&T, a non-profit organization having a place of business at 501 East St. Joseph Street, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701-3995, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the aforesaid application for the territory of the United States of America and all continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part and reissue applications, all patent applications in foreign countries, all applications pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and all applications for extension filed or to be filed for the invention, and all Letters Patent, Invention Registrations, Utility Models, Extensions or Reissues and other patent rights, obtained for the invention in the United States or any other country; I also assign any right, title or interest in and to the said invention which has not already been transferred to the assignee, I warrant that I have made no assignment of the invention, application or patent therefor to a party other than SDSM&T and I am under no obligation to make any assignment of the invention, application, or patent therefor to any other party; and I further agree to cooperate with the assignee hereunder in the obtaining and sustaining of any and all such Letters Patent and in confirming assignee's exclusive ownership of the invention, but at the expense of said assignee.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested to issue the Letters Patent solely in accordance with the terms of this Assignment, to SDSM&T, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party hereto has executed this Assignment as of the date indicated hereunder.

Date:

12/18/03

By:

K. N. Han  
Kenneth N. Han

STATE OF )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF )

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.

Kristy J. Engle  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires  
August 28, 2009

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