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1. Name of conveying party(ies): Royal Bank of Canada Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? [] Yes [X] No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies) Name: Limtech Carbonate Inc. Internal Address: 5352 Burrill, P.O. Box 21009 Street Address: City: Shawinigan Quebec State: Zip: G9N 8M7 Canada Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? [] Yes [X] No

3. Nature of conveyance: [] Assignment [] Merger [] Security Agreement [] Change of Name [X] Other Termination of Security Agreement Execution Date: January 13, 2004

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) 6,048,507 Additional numbers attached? [] Yes [X] No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Name: Josh S. Ridout, Esq. Internal Address: Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP Street Address: 515 S. Flower Street 25th Floor City: Los Angeles State: CA Zip: 90071-2228

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 40.00 [] Enclosed [X] Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: 16-0752

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PATENT SECURITY AGREEMENT
TERMINATION AND RELEASE

This Patent Security Agreement Termination and Release (this "Termination") is made as of this 13 day of January, 2004, by Royal Bank of Canada, a Canadian corporation ("RBC").

R E C I T A L S

A. Pursuant to the terms of that certain Notice of Collateral Security of Patents dated as of November 10, 2000 (the "Security Agreement"), between RBC and Limtech Carbonate Inc. (formerly known as Limtech Inc.), a Canadian corporation ("Company"), Company granted to RBC a security interest in all Collateral, as defined in the Security Agreement, including without limitation the patents listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

B. RBC desires to terminate the Security Agreement and release its security interest in the Collateral.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, RBC does hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The Security Agreement, and RBC's security interest in the Collateral (including without limitation the patents listed in Exhibit A), is hereby terminated and released.

2. RBC represents and warrants that it has full power and authority to execute this Termination and to release its security interest in the Collateral.

3. RBC represents and warrants that it has not assigned or otherwise encumbered its security interest in the Collateral.

4. RBC hereby agrees to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such further instruments and to take all such further actions as may be reasonably requested or are required in order to more fully and effectively carry out the purposes of this Termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, RBC has duly executed this Termination as of the day and year first above written.

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
a Canadian corporation

By: Serge Chiasson

Name: Serge CHIASSON

Title: Senior Manager, Market Development

EXHIBIT A

Patents

<u>US Patent No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date of Grant</u>
6,048,507	Process for the purification of lithium carbonate	April 11, 2000

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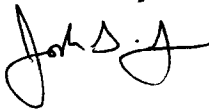
Dear Sir or Madam:

For recordation with your office, enclosed please find a Patent Recordation Cover Sheet, together with relevant supporting documentation, evidencing the release by Royal Bank of Canada of a grant of a security interest in the patent owned by Limtech Carbonate Inc. referenced therein.

We request that you charge the applicable filing fee of \$40.00 to Paul Hastings' Deposit Account Number 16-0752.

Please call with any questions you have regarding this matter at the above-referenced telephone number.

Very truly yours,



Josh S. Ridout
for PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP

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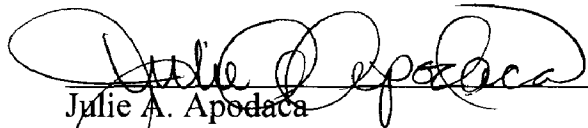
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