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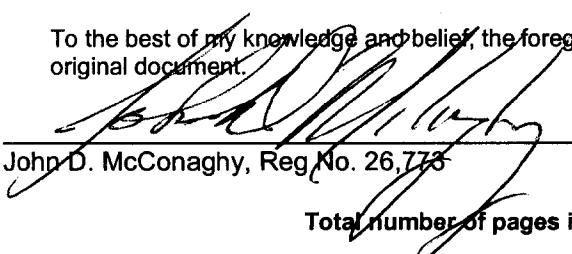
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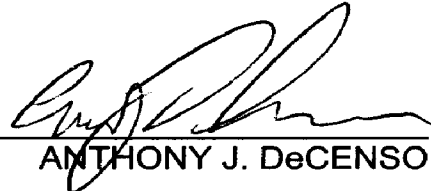
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WHEREAS, I ANTHONY J. DeCENSO, a citizen of the United States residing at 9002 Bordeau Court, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242, have invented a new and useful SYSTEM AND PROCESS FOR BREAK DETECTION IN POROUS ELEMENTS FOR SCREENING OR FILTERING for which application papers for United States Letters Patent thereon were filed on September 22, 2003, having Serial number 10/668,114;

WHEREAS, M-I L.L.C. a Delaware limited liability company, having a place of business at 5950 North Course Drive, Houston, Texas 77072, is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to the Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefore in the United States of America and its territories and possessions and all countries foreign thereto:

NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, namely the mutual obligations recited in the agreement executed by me on June 24, 2003, and other good and valuable consideration the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, ANTHONY J. DeCENSO, do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto said M-I L.L.C., its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to the said invention, and in and to any and all Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefore, not only for, to and in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, but for, to and in all countries including all priority rights in the International Convention; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said M-I L.L.C., its successors and assigns, in accordance with this Assignment.

WITNESS my hands this 8th day of March, 2004.



ANTHONY J. DeCENSO

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On 03/08/04 before me, Marcia Murray, personally
appeared ANTHONY J. DeCENSO,

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whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and
acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized
capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or
the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the
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Marcia Murray Fiorelli, Notary Public
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