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5,181,549

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, USP Holdings, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, located in Ann Arbor, Michigan (hereinafter "Assignor"), is the sole owner of the invention and the patent described as United States Patent No. 5,181,549 entitled METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING POROUS ARTICLES (hereinafter "the Patent");

WHEREAS, VLADIMIR I. SHAPOVALOV, an individual having a place of residence in Albuquerque, New Mexico (hereinafter "Assignee"), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention covered by the Patent;

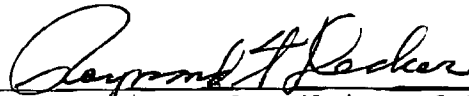
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of this Assignment and as further recited in the Agreement to Assign Patent Rights executed between the parties and the National Metallurgical Academy of Ukraine, effective October 15, 2003, Assignee has agreed to pay all maintenance fees on the Patent and to annually pay Assignor royalties in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the gross income (as defined in the Agreement to Assign Patent Rights) received by Assignee and to annually pay National Metallurgical Academy of Ukraine royalties in the amount of fifteen percent (15%) of the gross income received by Assignee, the Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and the Patent identified above; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent defined above; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for such patent.

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The Assignor hereby covenants and agrees, for both the Assignor and the Assignor's legal representatives, that the Assignor will assist the Assignee in vesting in the Assignee exclusive title in and to such patents; and that the Assignor will execute and deliver to the Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the Assignee to carry out the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignor has executed this agreement.

DATED:

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Raymond F. Decker, Chairman & CEO  
USP Holdings, Inc.

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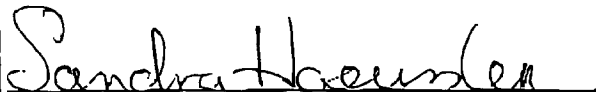
<sup>Sandra D</sup>  
I, ~~HAEUSSLER~~, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Raymond F. Decker is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this  
1<sup>ST</sup> day of APRIL, 2004

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