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ASSIGNMENT

IN CONSIDERATION OF TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) cash in hand paid to us by M-I L.L.C., and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we, **Frederick B. GROWCOCK** and **Gerard A. SIMON** ("ASSIGNORS"), having made an invention in **Stabilized Colloidal and Colloidal-Like Systems**, while in the employ either as an employee or consultant of M-I L.L.C., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, doing business at **5959 North Course Drive, Houston, Texas 77072** (sometimes hereinafter called "ASSIGNEE"), do hereby ASSIGN, SELL and CONVEY to said M-I L.L.C. its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in and to:

1. Said invention in **Stabilized Colloidal and Colloidal-Like Systems**;
2. United States of America patent application on said invention, Serial No. **10/771,079**, filed **February 3, 2004**, Attorney's File No. **2223-04401**, entitled **Stabilized Colloidal and Colloidal-Like Systems**;
3. All applications for patent or like protection on said invention that have now been or may in the future be made by us or our legal representatives, including any continuation, continuation-in-part and any other utility applications that may be based on this invention, whether in the United States of America or any other place anywhere in the world;
4. All patents and like protection that have now been or may in the future be granted on said invention to us or our legal representatives, whether in the United States of America or in any other country or place anywhere in the world;
5. All substitutions for and divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, renewals, reissues, extensions, and the like of said applications and patents and like grants, including without limitation, those obtained or permissible under past, present and future laws and statutes;
6. All rights of action on account of past, present and future unauthorized use of said invention and for infringement of said patents and like protection;

7. The right in ASSIGNEE to file in its name applications for patents and like protection for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States; and
8. All international rights of priority associated with said invention, applications, patents and like protection;

and we covenant that we, and our heirs, legal representatives, assigns, administrators, and executors, will, at the expense of ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, execute all papers and perform such other acts as may be reasonably necessary to give ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full benefit of this Assignment.

EXECUTED at the place and on the date indicated below, opposite our signatures.

**ASSIGNORS**

Date: April 23, 2004

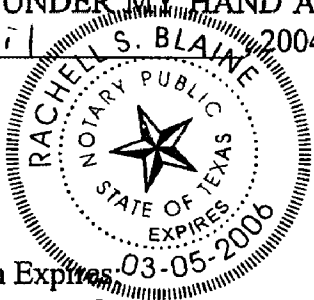
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Frederick B. GROWCOCK**, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 23rd day of April, 2004.



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*Rachel S. Blaine*  
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 the State of Texas

My Commission Expires 03-05-2006

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