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The ASSIGNOR(S), Michael James Howdeshell

have invented certain new and useful improvements in METHOD OF DISPERSING HYDROCARBON FOULANTS IN HYDROCARBON PROCESSING FLUIDS

an invention which is fully described in a United States Patent Application executed of even date herewith; and

The ASSIGNEE, Nalco Energy Services, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, having its principal office at 7701 Highway 90-A Sugar Land, Texas, wishes to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and under any Letters Patent which may be obtained for this invention.

For valuable and legally sufficient consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor(s) hereby, assigns, transfers and sets over to Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified invention and patent application and all rights and privileges under any Letters Patent of the United States which may issue thereon.

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