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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Ralf WNUK, Jürgen HAUSDORF, Thomas SCHORN, Otto SANDMEYER and Norbert LANG, are citizens of Germany respectively residing at Hochwiesmühlstrasse 117, 66450 Bexbach, Germany; Ringstrasse 55a, 67166 Otterstadt, Germany; Am Mühlwald 77, 66386 St. Ingbert, Germany; Am Spitzenberg 8, 66440 Blieskastel, Germany; and Im Strassenfeld 43, 66440 Blieskastel, Germany (hereinafter ASSIGNORS), have made a certain invention entitled **FILTER DEVICE, IN PARTICULAR FOR HIGH-PRESSURE APPLICATIONS IN A MOLTEN POLYMER FILTRATION** for which we are making application for Letters Patent of the United States, which application has been executed concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, Hydac Process Technology GmbH, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Germany, located and doing business at Industriegebiet, Grube König, Am Wrangelflöz 1, 66538 Neunkirchen, Germany (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforementioned invention and the aforementioned application and any and all Letters Patent to be obtained on said invention and/or application;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN that for good and valuable consideration paid to us by said ASSIGNEE the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the ASSIGNORS and, by these presents do hereby sell, assign, set over and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention in and for the United States and all countries foreign thereto; and in, to and under the aforesaid United States application and any corresponding foreign applications and any divisional, continuing, substitute or reissue applications or supplementary disclosures which may be filed on said invention in any country; and our right to file said foreign applications and claim priority under the provisions of the International Convention; and any Letters Patent of the United States or any foreign country issued or granted on said invention and/or said applications;

AND ASSIGNORS HEREBY authorize and request the Patent Office or other issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said invention and/or said application to said ASSIGNEE as sole assignee; and further hereby authorize said ASSIGNEE to file and prosecute any of said foreign applications in its own name;

AND ASSIGNORS HEREBY covenant that they have the full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned and have not executed and will not execute any assignment or other instrument in conflict herewith;

AND ASSIGNORS HEREBY further covenant and agree to communicate to said ASSIGNEE, or its legal representatives, successors or assigns, any facts relating to said invention, including evidence for interference purposes or other proceedings, whenever requested, and to testify in any interference or in any other legal proceeding, when requested, and to execute and deliver on request all lawful papers required to make any of the foregoing provisions effective; and to perform the aforesaid communicating, executing and delivering, without any payment except expenses and to perform the aforesaid testifying for reasonable compensation; and generally to do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives or assigns to obtain and enforce proper patent protection on and for said invention in all countries, and likewise make these provisions binding upon our heirs, legal representatives and/or administrators.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hand and seal.

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