

PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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Property Type	Number
Patent Number:	6395109
Patent Number:	6786980
Patent Number:	4624614
Patent Number:	6219990
Patent Number:	4853032
Patent Number:	5139568
Application Number:	60557367

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WHEREAS, Cargill, Incorporated, a Delaware corporation, having a principal place of business at 15407 McGinty Road West, Wayzata, MN 55391 (hereinafter "Assignor"), is the parent of North Star Steel Company and is the owner of certain patents and patent applications utilized by North Star Steel Company and its affiliates and listed in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Patents");

AND WHEREAS, Gerdau Ameristeel US Inc., a Florida corporation, has entered into an agreement to acquire certain steel assets of North Star Steel Company and the entire right, title and interest in and to said Patents;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor does hereby assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to said Patents, including any applications, divisions, continuations, or reissues thereof together with the right to sue in the Assignee's own name and recover damages for past, present and future infringement.

1. Except as set forth on Schedule 4.13(a) of that certain asset purchase and sale agreement dated September 9, 2004 (the "Agreement") by and among North Star Steel Company, North Star Recycling Company, North Star Steel Texas, Inc. and North Star Steel Kentucky, Inc. and Gerdau Ameristeel US Inc., the Assignor owns, or possesses legally enforceable rights to use, free and clear of all Encumbrances, all of the Patents; and to the Assignor's Knowledge, no Person is authorized to use the Patents other than the Assignor or Assignor's affiliates.

2. Assignor will execute any further necessary assurance of title to said Patents; and at any time, upon the request and expense of Assignee, will execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said Patents which may be granted therefore in Assignee, its successors and assigns, and upon the request and at the expense of Assignee, will execute any divisional, continuing, reissue, foreign counterparts or other applications for patents for said invention, or any part or parts thereof, and for the issuance or reissue of any Patents to be granted therefore, including foreign counterpart patents, and will make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for procuring the same or for aiding therein, without further compensation, but at the expense of Assignee, its successors and assigns. At Assignee's request and expense, Assignor shall assist Assignee in any action for infringement, challenge to the validity of the Patents, or other litigation or legal proceedings affecting the Patents.

3. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning as in the Agreement.

This Assignment has been executed at Minneapolis, MN on November 1, 2004.

CARGILL, INCORPORATED

Signature: RL L
Name: Robert L Lumkins
Title: Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Hennepin)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1st day of November, 2004 by Robert L. Lumkins, Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of Cargill, Incorporated.

(seal)

Notary Public Signature Debrah W. Genellie
My Commission Expires: 1-31-2005

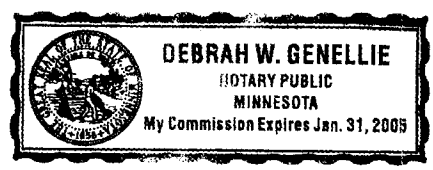


Exhibit A

CARGILL PATENTS and PATENT APPLICATIONS

Patents and Patent Applications			
TITLE	COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER OR PATENT NUMBER	FILING DATE
BAR PRODUCT, CYLINDER RODS, HYDRAULIC CYLINDERS, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING	CANADA	APP. NO. 2400286	JAN. 18, 2001
	Europe	App. No. 01953019.5	Jan. 18, 2001
	Japan	App. No. 2001-55893	Jan. 18, 2001
	United States	Pat. No. 6,395,109	Feb. 15, 2000
STEEL PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING	WO	APP. NO. US03/007427	MARCH 11, 2003
	United States	Pat. No. US 6,786,980 B2	September 7, 2004
	Mexico	PA/a/2004/008884	September 10, 2004
	Canada		September 13, 2004
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PACK COOLING FLAT STOCK	CANADA	PAT. NO. 1265423	MARCH 24, 1986
	United States	Pat. No. 4,624,614	April 1, 1985
METHOD OF MAKING AN IMPROVED HOT ROLLED I-BEAM AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCT	UNITED STATES	PAT. NO. 6,219,990	APRIL 4, 1998
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING LOW CARBON STEEL FOR COLD DRAWING	UNITED STATES	USP 4,853,032	AUG. 17, 1987

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CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION OF IRON CARBON ALLOY USING IRON CARBIDE	UNITED STATES	5,139,568	OCT. 3, 1991
	AUSTRIA	E 177156	OCT. 9, 1991
	CANADA	2072572	OCT. 9, 1991
	CHINA	92105410.6	JUL. 4, 1992
	GERMANY	0607137	OCT. 9, 1991
	INDONESIA	ID0001S996	JUL. 14, 1992
	MALAYSIA	109771	JUL. 9, 1992
	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	2060281	OCT. 9, 1991
	VENEZUALA	52686	OCT. 10, 1991
HIGH STRENGTH STEEL	UNITED STATES	60/557,367	MAR 29, 2004

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