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**WHEREAS, FELIX VAN DER KOOIJ, HENK LEKKERKERKER, and EDO SICCO BOEK, and each one of them, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, is a named inventor of an invention entitled: PROCESS FLUID described and claimed in International Application No. PCT/GB02/03623 filed the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2002, which designates the United States of America;**

**WHEREAS, M-I L.L.C., a limited liability company organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the said invention and any and all applications for Letters Patent and any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued therefor;**

**NOW THEREFORE THIS IS TO WITNESS that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned and set over and hereby does sell, assign and set over, unto ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, for the territory of the United States of America, ASSIGNOR'S entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention, as well as any improvement thereof, and any and all applications for letters patents which have been, or hereafter may be, filed on said invention or any said improvement thereof, including any and all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation and continuation-in-part applications, together with the right to claim priority accruing from said applications, and all Letters Patent which may be granted on any said application(s) for said invention or any said improvement thereof, and all extension(s) and reissue(s) thereof.**

**And ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, as the owner of all right, title and interest therein.**

**And for said consideration, it is hereby covenanted and agreed that at the request and expense of ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, ASSIGNOR will execute any further papers and do such other acts and things as may be necessary and proper to permit ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to procure Letters Patent for said invention in the United States as ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns may elect, and vest the full title thereto in ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed on the day and month indicated below.**


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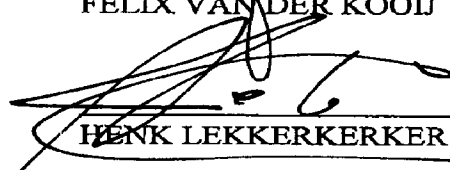
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