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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Eric Verger, Albert Bruneau and Antoine Durand, respectively citizens of France, with respective post office addresses of 182, route de Quesnoy, F-59144 Gommegnies, France; 120, rue de Silly, F-92100 Boulogne Billancourt, France; and Résidence Arc en Ciel, 36, rue Jacques Perdrix, F-59300 Valenciennes, France, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNORS," have invented a certain new and useful

REINFORCED TUBULAR JOINT FOR IMPROVED SEALING-TIGHTNESS AFTER PLASTIC EXPANSION

for which we have executed a United States patent application, Application No. 10/496,008, filed May 28, 2004, and

WHEREAS, VALLOUREC MANNESMANN OIL & GAS FRANCE, a French corporation having a place of business at 54, rue Anatole France, F-59620 Aulnoye-Aymeries, France, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring said invention and said patent application.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable executed consideration, the full receipt and sufficiency of all of which are hereby acknowledged and intending to be legally bound hereby, we, the undersigned ASSIGNORS, hereby agree to sell, assign, transfer and convey and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the above-named ASSIGNEE, the whole and entire right, title and interest

in and to said invention as described in the above patent application, for the territory of the United States and its possessions and territories;

in and to the above patent application and any and all related United States patent applications disclosing said invention, including provisionals, non-provisionals, divisions and continuations thereof, along with all rights of priority created by said patent application under any treaty relating thereto; and

in and to all United States patents which may be granted on any and all of said patent applications, including extensions, reissues and reexamination certificates thereof;

said invention, application(s) and patent(s) to be held and enjoyed by the above named ASSIGNEE, for ASSIGNEE's own use and benefit, and for ASSIGNEE's legal representatives and assigns to the full end of the term or terms for which said patent(s) may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the undersigned ASSIGNORS had this assignment and sale not been made; and for the aforesaid consideration ASSIGNORS hereby covenant, agree and undertake to execute, whenever requested by the above named ASSIGNEE, all patent applications, assignments, lawful oaths and any other papers which ASSIGNEE may

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