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have invented a certain improvement in "Method of production of polymer/metal or metal sulphide composites, which uses metal mercaptides"

for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States and whereas C.R.F. Società Consortile per Azioni, an Italian Joint Stock Company of Strada Torino 50, I-10043 ORBASSANO (Torino) Italy is desirous of acquiring an interest therein.

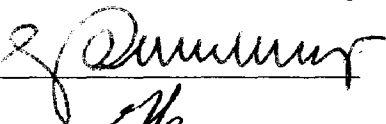

Now, therefore in consideration of the sum of One Dollar, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We, Gianfranco CAROTENUTO, Luigi NICOLAIS, Pietro PERLO and Brunetto MARTORANA by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said C.R.F. Società Consortile per Azioni

the full and exclusive right to the said invention, as described in the specification executed by us of even date herewith preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent in the United States therefor; and hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to C.R.F. Società Consortile per Azioni

as the assignee, for its interest, for the sole use and behoof of said C.R.F. Società Consortile per Azioni and its legal representatives, successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

We hereby authorize and request our attorneys, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20037-3202, USA to insert here in parentheses (Application number 10/870143 filed on June 18, 2004 ) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

Executed this 6th day of July 2004

  
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