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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, **W. Spencer Wheat**, residing in Missouri City, Fort Bend County, Texas, citizen of the United States of America; **Hongqiao (Bruce) Sun**, residing in Sugar Land, Fort Bend County, Texas, citizen of China; **Bhaskar (NMN) Balasubramanian**, residing in Houston, Harris County, Texas, citizen of India; and **Vesna R. Mirkovic**, residing in Pearland, Brazoria County, Texas, citizen of Serbia, have invented new and useful improvements in **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING HYDROGEN** set forth in an application for Letters Patent in the United States of America,


- having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith;
- bearing Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and filed on \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, TEXACO INC., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 6001 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon, California, U.S.A., is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest to said invention relating to, in, and for the territory of the United States of America, and all United States patents granted therefore and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof:

WHEREAS, TEXACO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 6001 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon, California, U.S.A., is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest to said invention in and for all countries foreign to the United States of America, patents granted therefore and all divisions, thereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby individually acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto said TEXACO INC., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest to said invention relating to, in, and for the territory of the United States of America, and all United States patents granted therefore and all divisions, reissues, continuations, and extensions thereof, and unto said TEXACO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, its successors, assigns, and nominees, the entire right, title, and interest to said invention relating to patents granted therefore and all divisions, thereof, in and for all countries throughout the world, except for the United States of America.

Signed my hand at Houston, Texas this 16 day of December, 2004.

  
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W. SPENCER WHEAT

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Frank Turner, whose full post office address is 2107 Stoney Brook, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77063, U.S.A., was personally present and did see W. Spencer Wheat, who is known to me, execute the above assignment on this 16 day of December, 2004.

Frank Turner  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

Signed my hand at Houston, Texas this 16th day of December, 2004.

Hongqiao Sun  
HONGQIAO SUN

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Frank Turner, whose full post office address is 2107 Stoney Brook, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77063, U.S.A., was personally present and did see Hongqiao (Bruce) Sun, who is known to me, execute the above assignment on this 16 day of December, 2004.

Frank Turner  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

Signed my hand at Houston, TX this 16th day of December, 2004.

Bhaskar Balasubramanian  
BHASKAR BALASUBRAMANIAN

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Frank Turner, whose full post office address is 207 Stoney Brook, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77063, U.S.A., was personally present and did see Bhaskar Balasubramanian, who is known to me, execute the above assignment on this 16 day of December, 2004.

Frank P. Turner  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

Signed my hand at HOUSTON, TX this 17 day of DECEMBER, 2004.

Vesna R. Mirkovic  
VESNA R. MIRKOVIC

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Frank Turner, whose full post office address is 207 Stoney Brook, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77063, U.S.A., was personally present and did see Vesna R. Mirkovic, who is known to me, execute the above assignment on this 17 day of December, 2004.

Frank P. Turner  
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