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Assignment of Invention

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respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in: **Method for guaranteeing at least one characteristic of a fluid used for producing food products**

for which: (a) an application for Letters Patent was filed on June 4, 2004, having Application No. 10/497,931; or (b) for which an application for a United States patent was executed on _____, and

WHEREAS, **L'Air Liquide Société Anonyme à Directoire et Conseil de Surveillance Pour l'Étude et l'Exploitation des Procédés Georges Claude** (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") having a place of business at: 75 Quai d'Orsay, 75321 PARIS Cedex 07, FRANCE, desire to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted thereof in the United States and its territorial possessions;

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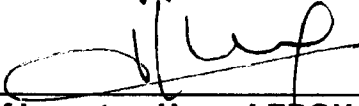
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