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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I the below-named inventor whose residence and post office are as stated below, am a co-inventor of certain new and useful improvements in

PRODUCTION OF MAGNESIUM METAL

(hereinafter referred to as "Subject Invention") for which an application for United States Letters Patent, Serial No. 11/119,536, was filed April 29, 2005, and for which a Declaration was executed by me on even date herewith, and

WHEREAS, the VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY FOUNDATION, a corporation of the State of Virginia, having an office at 1001 Douglas Ave., Martinsville, Virginia 24112, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest of the undersigned in the Subject Invention and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States of America and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the terms of my employment agreement with ASSIGNEE and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby assign to ASSIGNEE my entire right, title and interest in the Subject Invention to all rights of priority thereto pursuant to the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and in any Letters Patent on the Subject Invention that may be granted in the United States of America and in any and all foreign countries, including any and all Letters Patent that are divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions or extensions of any Letters Patent or applications therefor on the Subject Invention.

I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the officials of any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to the ASSIGNEE.

Further, I hereby agree to communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said Subject Invention, to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, to execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, and to make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE and its representatives to obtain and enforce proper protection for said Subject Invention in the United States of America and in any and all foreign countries.

I further agree that the terms, covenants and conditions of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, and shall be binding on me, my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

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Full name of inventor: James S. Beard

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 7-5-05

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On this 5 day of July, 2005 before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared James S. Beard to me personally known to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal the day and year last above given.



Cynthia E. Rorer
Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: January 31, 2008

I WAS COMMISSIONED A NOTARY
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