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**METHOD FOR DETECTING NEAR NEUTRAL/LOW PH STRESS CORROSION  
CRACKING IN STEEL GAS PIPELINE SYSTEMS**

for which application is being made for Letters Patent, being identified by Attorney's Docket No. 46613.072.

WHEREAS, Kinder Morgan, Inc., a corporation of the State of Kansas, having a principal place of business located at 500 Dallas Street, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77002, is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in said application and our Letters Patent that may issue thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern that for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, we hereby assign to said corporation, both in and for the territory of the United States of America and the entire world, all our title and interest in and to said invention, patent applications and any patent which may issue thereon, including all divisions, continuations, reissues, continuations-in-part and substitutions thereof, plus all priority rights for patent applications foreign to the United States of America.

We further hereby assign and transfer to said corporation whatever cause of action we may have for past or present infringement of said invention, together with the right to bring suit for any such infringement and to seek and receive damages and other relief arising from any such infringement.

We HEREBY covenant and agree that we will at any time, upon the request and at the expense of said corporation, execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title and said invention, applications and patents, and we authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue Letters Patent to said corporation.

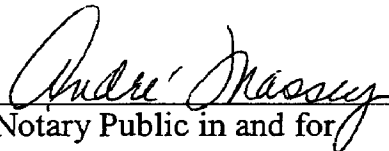
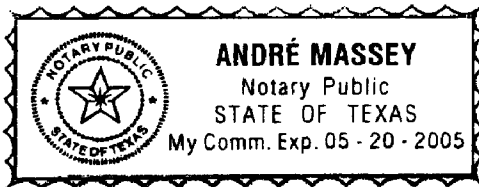
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Joseph Listengart  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary  
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Before me personally appeared the above-identified individual and acknowledged the foregoing assignment to be his voluntary act and deed on the 21 day of April, 2003.



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