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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, (1) Jorge Ancheyta Juárez, (2) Gerardo Betancourt Rivera, (3) Gustavo Jesús Marroquín Sánchez, (4) Guillermo Centeno Nolasco, (5) José Antonio Domingo Muñoz Moya, and (6) Fernando Alonso Martínez, all citizens of Mexico, and having an address of Eje Central Norte Lázaro Cárdenas 152, C.P. 07730, Mexico, D.F. (hereinafter ASSIGNORS), have made a certain invention entitled **METHOD FOR THE CATALYTIC HYDROTREATMENT OF HEAVY HYDROCARBONS OF PETROLEUM** for which we are making application for Letters Patent of the United States, which application was filed January 6, 2006 and is accorded Serial No. 10/563,577; and

WHEREAS, INSTITUTO MEXICANO DEL PETROLEO, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Mexico, located and doing business at Eje Central Lazaro Cardenas No. 152, Apartado Postal 14-805, 07730 Mexico, D.F. (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforementioned invention and the aforementioned application and any and all Letters Patent to be obtained on said invention and/or application;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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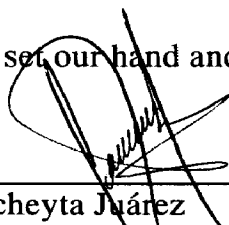
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AND WE HEREBY covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any assignment or other instrument in conflict herewith;

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hand and seal.

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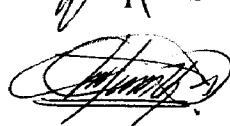
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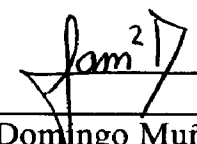
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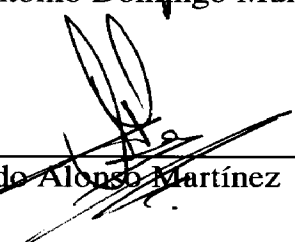
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