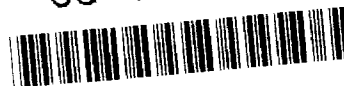


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have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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an invention which is fully described in United States Patent Application executed of even date herewith; and

The ASSIGNEE, NALCO COMPANY, a DELAWARE corporation having its principal office at 1601 West Diehl Road, in Naperville, Illinois, 60563-1198, wishes to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and under Letters Patent which may be obtained for this invention.

For valuable and legally sufficient consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors hereby, assign, transfer and set over to Assignee, its successors and assign, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified invention and patent application and all rights and privileges under any Letters Patent of the United States which may issue thereon.

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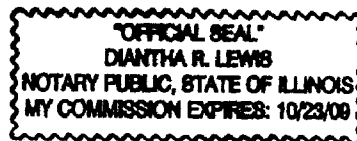
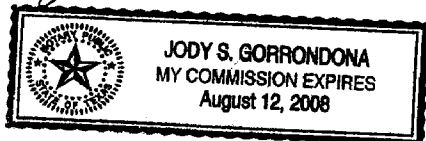
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