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U.S. Patent Application Entitled: APPARATUS FOR RECYCLING OF OIL BASED DRILLING FLUID CONTAMINATED WITH WATER AND WATER CONTAMINATED WITH OIL BASED DRILLING FLUID;  
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Signature:   
 Name: Frank Manfred Franz Mueller

Date: 28 Jan. 2003

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, personally appeared Frank Manfred Franz Mueller, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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