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<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>

The ASSIGNOR, Erick J. Acosta

has invented certain new and useful improvements in

COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR INHIBITING THE AGGLOMERATION OF HYDRATES

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 Assignor hereby, assigns, transfers and sets over to Assignee, its successors and assigns, 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.

The Assignor also assigns, transfers and sets over to Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and any patent application and Letters Patent that may be granted thereon in all countries foreign to the United States, including all rights under the International Convention. The Assignor further authorizes Assignee to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries in the name of Assignee, and to claim the priority of the filing date of the United States Patent Application under the provisions of the International Convention.

The Assignor further agrees to assist Assignee in the prosecution of the patent application before the United States Patent Office and the Federal Courts, and any other applications for Letters Patent including renewals, continuations, divisions, reissues and substitutions, that the Assignee elects to make covering the invention. The Assignor vests in Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other applications and Letters Patent. The Assignor will execute and deliver to Assignee any documents which may be requested by Assignee to carry out the terms of this Assignment.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of September 2008.

Notary Public

