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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Kift, Julian, have made a certain new and useful invention relating to SEPARATION OF TAILINGS THAT INCLUDE ASPHALTENES, for which I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application being identified as Attorney Docket No. 57031.830004.US1 and United States Patent Application Serial No. 11/971,046, filed January 8, 2008;

WHEREAS, Marathon Oil Canada Corporation (hereinafter "Assignee"), a Canada Corporation, whose address is Ernst & Young Tower, 440 Second Avenue SW, Suite 2400, Calgary, AB T2P 5E9 Canada, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention, said application, and any Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

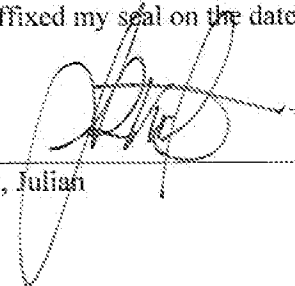
NOW THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, and set over, unto the Assignee and said Assignee's legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, said application, and the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue thereon including all original, divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue, certificate of reexamination, and related applications and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to the above-mentioned Assignee, consistent with the terms of this Assignment.

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, I do hereby covenant and agree with the said Assignee that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that I will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the said assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said Assignee may deem necessary or desirable to

perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, renewal, continuing, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or of any and all foreign countries, on said invention, and in enforcing any rights or chose an action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and having read this entire document including all prior pages, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on the date hereinafter set forth.

Date: 12/12/08

  
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Kift, Julian

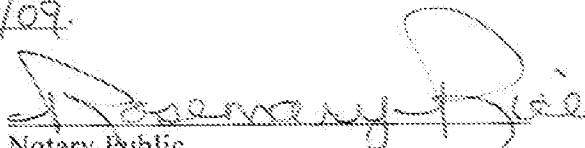
STATE OF Nevada )  
COUNTY OF Washoe ) ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, appeared Kift, Julian, known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 2008.

My commission expires: 10/16/09.

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