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U.S. Serial No. 12/377,258
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We, JOEL ARON WITZ, residing at Mile Oak New Barn Lane, Newdigate, Surrey RH5 5DS, Great Britain, and DAVID CHARLES COX, residing at 34 Wiltshire Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 7QN, Great Britain, represent that we have invented improvements in a new and useful "IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO PIPE". The invention is covered by patent application Serial No. 12/377,258 filed February 11, 2009.

BHP Billiton Petroleum Pty Ltd., an Australian company, has a place of business at 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia, and desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, application and letters patent to be granted and issued thereon.

For valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of all of which we acknowledge, we have sold and do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto BHP Billiton Petroleum Pty Ltd., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and all improvements thereon, in and to the application for letters patents thereon, in and to applications pertaining to or based upon the invention and application, including divisional and continuing applications and continuations—in—part, and in and to any and all letters patent which may be granted and issued on the invention and applications, or any of them, in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and in all countries foreign thereto, together with and including all priority rights based upon any and all applications in the United States of America covered by this Assignment.

We also agree that we will, at the request of BHP Billiton Petroleum Pty Ltd., execute any and all applications for letters patent for the invention, execute any and all other papers and documents and do all other and further lawful acts that BHP Billiton Petroleum Pty Ltd. may deem necessary or desirable to obtain letters patent on the invention, to secure the grant of such letters patent and to protect and vest in BHP Billiton Petroleum Pty Ltd. the undivided interests in the right, title and interest in the invention, applications and letters patent.

We also authorize and empower BHP Billiton Petroleum Pty Ltd., its successors and assigns to apply for and obtain, in its or their own names, letters patent for the invention before competent International Authorities and in any and all countries foreign to the United States in which applications for letters patent can be so made or letters patent so obtained.

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