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WHEREAS, I, Philip Craig SMALLEY of British nationality residing at 12 Levylsdene, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 2RS, United Kingdom have invented certain new and useful improvements relating to 'Geochemical surveillance of gas production from tight gas fields' which is the subject of BP Patent Case No. 32753 filed in Europe on 9 April 2008 under Application No. 08251372.2 (hereinafter the "Invention");

WHEREAS I, Philip Craig SMALLEY am employed by BP Exploration Operating Company Limited having a registered office at Chertsey Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex, TW16 7BP, United Kingdom and am joint inventor of said Invention;

WHEREAS I, Philip Craig SMALLEY acknowledge that all rights in said Invention and improvements thereto and the right to file patent applications therefor in any and all countries of the world and to any and all patent applications therefor and any Letters Patent which may be issued thereupon in any and all countries of the world have vested in BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED by contract of employment or through application of law; and

WHEREAS it is the wish of all the parties that the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said Invention and any improvements thereon and the right to file patent applications therefor in any and all countries of the world any, and all patent applications therefor in the USA and all other countries of the world, and any and all Letters Patent which may be issued thereupon in the USA and all other countries of the world, shall vest solely in said BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED having a registered office at Chertsey Road, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, TW16 7BP United Kingdom;

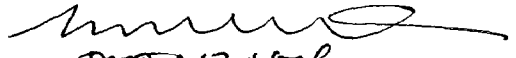
NOW THEREFORE, to the extent that specific assignment of the Invention or improvements thereon and the right to file patent applications therefor in any country of the world is needed for the purpose of recording or registration in any patent office, industrial property office or like governmental authority, I, the said Philip Craig SMALLEY for valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which we hereby acknowledge, agree to sell, assign, transfer and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED, its successors and assigns, and BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED agrees to accept and hereby does accept, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said Invention and any improvements thereon including priority rights and the right to file patent applications therefor in any and all countries of the world, and any and all patent applications and Letters Patent for said Invention and improvements in the USA and all other countries of the world, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all reissues and extensions thereof, with effect from 9 April 2008.

And I hereby covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute any agreement or other instrument in conflict herewith.

And I hereby further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the assignee herein, its successors, legal representatives and assigns any facts known to me respecting said Invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, renewal, reissue and extension applications, make all rightful declarations, and generally do everything possible to aid the assignee herein, its successors, legal representatives and assigns in obtaining and enforcing proper patent protection for said Invention in the USA and all other countries of the world.

Dated: 2/3/09


Philip Craig SMAILEY


Witnessed

Accepted for BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED :

Dated : 10/03/09

(signed) 

(name) SUSAN JANET DAY
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