# PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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NATURE OF CONVEYANCE: ASSIGNMENT

#### **CONVEYING PARTY DATA**

Name	Execution Date
Biothane Systems International BV	12/22/2010

## **RECEIVING PARTY DATA**

Name:	Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies Support
Street Address:	l'Aquarene, 1 place Montgolfier
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State/Country:	FRANCE
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## PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 3

Property Type	Number
Application Number:	11993838
Application Number:	12159986
Application Number:	12159388

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Total Attachments: 11

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#### DEED OF ASSIGNMENT OF TRADEMARK, DOMAIN NAMES AND PATENTS

THE PRESENT ASSIGNMENT DEED IS MADE BY AND BETWEEN ON 23 DECEMBER 2010:

**BIOTHANE SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL BV**, a Netherlands company corporation registered in the Companies Register under the n° 27267973, having its registered office locatedThanthofdreef 21, PO Box 5068, 2623 EW Delft, Netherlands, represented by its legal representative Mr FRANKIN Rob acting in his capacity as Managing Director thereof,.

Hereafter referred as "the Assignor"

On the one hand,

#### And:

**VEOLIA WATER SOLUTIONS & TECHNOLOGIES SUPPORT**, a privately held joint-stock company with limited liability ("société par actions simplifiée") duly existing and registered under the laws of France, with Company Trade Registry in Créteil under No. 433 962 586 and with registered office located at l'Aquarène, 1 place Montgolfier, 94417 Saint Maurice, France, duly represented by Mr Jérôme Coutant acting in his capacity as President thereof,

Hereafter referred as "the Assignee",

On the other hand,

The Assignor and the Assignee are both hereafter referred as "the Parties".

#### Preamble:

On May, 2008 Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies (holding of the Assignee) has bought Biothane Corporation and its subsidiaries among which Biothane System International BV (hereinafter the "Biothane Group").

Biothane System International BV is the owner of intellectual property (hereinafter "IP").

In the framework of a global policy group of optimization of the IP it has been decided to transfer all the IP rights owned by the companies of the Biothane Group among which Biothane System International BV to the Assignee.

The Assignor is the owner of several patents and patent applications in several countries (hereafter referred as "the Patents"). A list of the Patents is set forth in Annex 1 of the

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Assignment Deed.

The Assignor is also the owner of some trademark registrations in several countries/territories (hereafter referred as "**the Trademarks**"), particulars of which are detailed in the Annex 2 of the Assignment Deed.

Some of the Patents stand in the name of the Assignor.

Also, the Assignor is the owner of several domain names (hereafter referred as "the Domain Names"). A list of these Domains Names is attached herewith in **Annex 3** of the Assignment Deed.

The Assignor signed a licence agreement with Amecon Environmental Consultancy for the Patent Application N° 05 774 782.6 (Deamox) and its potential extensions. By the present, the Assignor agrees and commits itself to assign to the assignee the said licence agreement and to fill in or perform any contractual or legal act or action necessary for having the prior approval of Amecon Environmental Consultancy.

The Assignee wishes to receive ownership of the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names.

The Assignor is willing to assign the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names to the Assignee.

Therefore, the Parties have agreed on defining terms and conditions of the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names assignment from the Assignor to the Assignee.

# Thus, it has been agreed that:

#### **Article 1: Statements**

The Assignor guarantees having the full ownership of the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names -as listed in the Annexes 1, 2 and 3 to the present Assignment Deed-, that none of them has been pledged, or granted under licence - or at least that possible licence agreements do not prevent it from transferring ownership of the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names - and that it can freely assign them.

The Assignor undertakes to hand down to the Assignee as soon as possible all the documents relating to the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names that could be send to it after the signature of the present Assignment Deed.

The Assignor also undertakes to provide the Assignee with or to execute all the documents that will be necessary to have the correct chain of title recorded vis-à-vis the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names before the relevant Patent Offices and/or Registrars and/or Trademark Offices.

# **Article 2: Assignment**

The Assignor assigns to the Assignee, who accepts it, the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names -as listed in the Annexes 1, 2 and 3 to the present Assignment Deed.

The Parties acknowledge that the Annexes might be not exhaustive. If any patent(s), and/or trademark(s) and/or domain name(s) is/are missing in the Annexes, the Parties hereby agree that the said missing patent(s) and/or trademark(s) and/or domain name(s) will become the property of the Assignee and the Price as set out hereinafter will not change.

The Assignor undertakes not to claim any right on these Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names once the present Assignment Deed has been signed.

#### **Article 3: Price**

In consideration of the present Assignment, the Assignee will pay to the Assignor a sum of one million eighty height thousand of Euros (€ 1,088,000), exclusive of tax.

This sum is deemed to be definitely owed to the Assignor and cannot be paid back to the Assignee, whatsoever the reason.

The sum owed to the Assignor shall be paid within a period of five (5) days from the signature of the present Assignment Deed by the Parties. The payment shall be made by the Assignee on the following bank account of the Assignor whose references are:

Bank account number 51.81.04.230 at ABN Bank, Delft, The Netherlands BIC: ABNANL2R and IBAN: NL38ABNA0518104230 Biothane Systems International B.V Tanthofdreef 21 P.O. Box 5068 2600 GB Delft The Netherlands

# **Article 4: Warranty**

The Assignor only guarantees the material existence of the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names.

Should any of the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names be not granted or be judged invalid later on by a Court judgment, the Assignee undertakes not to claim any damages or reimbursement of the sum or a part of the sum paid to the Assignor.

# Article 5: Recordal, registration and fees

5.1. Recordal of the assignment

Recordal of this assignment before the relevant registers will be done and paid by the Assignee.

Possible recordal(s) of previous transfer(s) of ownership and/or changes of name, address and/or legal form will be also done and paid by the Assignee. However, the Assignor undertakes to record previous transfer(s) of ownership and/or changes of name, address and/or legal form should a Patent and/or Trademark Office requires it to do so and/or make it impossible to the Assignee to record such former changes it did not take part to.

Similarly, the Assignee will be in charge of the registration of this assignment before the relevant Tax Authorities.

#### 5.2. Fees

The Assignor declares that all fees relating to the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names including registration fees, examination fees or renewal fees of the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names that were due until the date of signature of the present Assignment deed have been duly paid by the Assignor. The Parties agree that all such fees that would be owed from the date of signature shall be paid by the Assignee.

However, fees incurred by recordals that can only be made by the Assignor as exposed under Article 5.1, shall be borne by the Assignor.

# **Article 6: Legal actions**

The Assignor declares it has not initiated any litigation proceeding and that it is not part of any litigation proceeding relating to the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names.

The Assignee shall be the sole person entitled to sue for infringing acts against the Patents, Trademarks and Domain Names made before this assignment.

## Article 7: Choice of law and choice of courts

The present Assignment shall be governed by French law.

Any litigation or challenge relating to the construction or the execution of the present Assignment Deed that could not be solved by amicable agreement between the Parties, shall be judged by the Paris High Court ("Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris").

#### Article 8: Miscellaneous

# 8.1: Whole consent of the Parties

The present Assignment Deed represents the whole agreement between the Parties. It replaces and revokes any oral or written, whether formal or implied, agreement having the same subject matter as this Assignment Deed and having been signed by the Parties before the signature of the present Assignment Deed.

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# 8.2: Date of enforcement

The present Assignment Deed shall take effect from the date it has been signed by both Parties.

Done in 4 original deeds copies

For the Assignor Mr FRANKIN Rob

Date: 22/12/2010

Place:

Signature:

<u>For the Assignee</u> Mr COUTANT Jérôme

Date:

Place:

Signature



Annex 1: Patents in the name of Biothane Systems International BV

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Fam.	Title	Country	Status	Patent App N°	Filing Date	Patent or Publication N°	Grant date	Expiration
VWS-BC001	Fluidised bed process	South Korea	Granted	KR88-13134	08/10/1988	KR970006920	17/10/1997	30/04/2012
VWS-BC002	Improved Fluidised bed process and apparatus	South-Korea	Granted	KR88-13135	08/10/1988	KR960013337	12/03/1997	04/10/2011
VWS-BSI002	Capacity measurement of an anerobic sludge bed reactor	Ē	Published	EP04075827.8	12/03/2004	12/03/2004 Pub EP1574482		2024
VWS-BSI003	Three-phase separator for an upflow sludge bed reactor	Ð	Published	EP05729400.1	31/03/2005	Pub EP1740505		2025
VWS-BSI005	Anaerobic purification of	Ð	Published	EP06747576.4	26/06/2006	Pub EP1893537		2026
	heated waste water	USA	Published	US11/993838	26/06/2006	U\$-2009-0266761		2026
IOOIS8-SMA	Process and reactor for anaerobic waste water purification	AU	Pending	2007203833	05/01/2007			2027
		BR	Pending	PI 0706345-8	05/01/2007			2027
		CA	Pending	2636281	05/01/2007			2027
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200804988-4	569665	PI 20082498	MX/a/2008/008724	10-2008-7019146	2008-549439	2819/KOLNP/2008	W002000802230	09107876.5	07709123.9	20870151	Patent App N°
05/01/2007	05/01/2007	05/01/2007	05/01/2007	05/01/2007	05/01/2007	05/01/2007	05/01/2007	05/01/2007	05/01/2007	05/01/2007	Filing Date
					05/01/2007 Pub 2009-522096		Pub 048.3791A	Pub 1129653A	Pub EP1979273		Patent or Publication N°
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		VN VN	Pending	1-2008-01923	05/01/2007			2027 Biothane Systems International BV
		ZA	Granted	2008/05886	05/01/2007	05/01/2007 2008/05886		05/01/2027 Biothane Systems International BV
re au VWS-BSI004 w	Process and reactor for anaerobic waste water purification	CN	Published	200780001906.3	05/01/2007 101370739	101370739		2027 Biothane Systems International BV
		₩	Published	07709122.1	05/01/2007	05/01/2007 Pub EP1984305		2027 Biothane Systems International BV
		D	Published	W002000802229	05/01/2007	05/01/2007 Pub 048.3731A		2027 Biothane Systems International BV
		JР	Published	2008-549438	05/01/2007	05/01/2007 Pub 2009-522095		2027 Biothane Systems International BV
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Published 05774782.6	Patent App N°
22/08/2005 EP1805110	Filing Date
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11/07/2007	Grant date
2025	Expiration
Amecon Environmental Consultancy (worldwide license between 2025 Amecon and BSI as part of a cooperation agreement, license not registered with the EPO)	Owner

# Patent for which BSI has a license

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					Process for producing granular biomass		,	Process and reactor for anaerobic waste water purification	Title
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Published	Granted	Granted	Granted	Granted	Granted	Published	Published	Pending	Status
W002000802468	07709186.6	07709186.6	07709186.6	07709186.6	07709186.6	12/159388	200813248	10-2008-7019136	Patent App N°
31/01/2007	31/01/2007	31/01/2007	31/01/2007	31/01/2007	31/01/2007	05/01/2007	05/01/2007	05/01/2007	Filing Date
	EP 2004799 B1	EP 2004799 B1	31/01/2007 EP 2004799 B1	31/01/2007 EP 2004799 B1	31/01/2007 60 2007 005 113.4	05/01/2007 US-2009-021197		05/01/2007 Pub KR20080101886	Patent or Publication N°
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Annex 2 - Trademarks currently standing in the name of Biothane Systems International B.V.

BIOTHANE	BIOTHANE	BIOTHANE	BIOTHANE	BIOBED	BIOBED	BIOBED	BIOBED	BIOBED	Trademarks
International	International	Benelux	Benelux	International	International	International	Benelux	Benelux	Country
		701231	639529				701232	679495	Application number
		07/08/1987	07/11/1980				07/08/1987	27/11/1985	Application date
555997	461730	153968	369501	555998	502950A	502950	153969	413777	Registration Number
15/06/1990 (renewed)	10/06/1981 (renewed)	01/02/1988 (renewed)	01/06/1981 (renewed)	15/06/1990 (renewed)	22/05/1986 (renewed)	22/05/1986 (renewed)	01/02/1988 (renewed)	01/07/1986 (renewed)	Registration Date



Annex 3: Domain names

Domain name	Registrant	Registrar	Expiration
biothane.nl	Biothane Systems International BV	Hosting.nl	August 25, 2015 Information non visible au whois.
biothane.co.uk	Biothane Systems Ltd UK Limited Company, (Company number: 3719388) 446 Houldsworth Mill Houldsworth Street Reddish Stockport Cheshire SK5 6DA United Kingdom	Netscalibur UK Ltd	January 20, 2012
Biothane.cn	Biothane Systems International Shangai Rep Office 荷兰百欧仕系统国际有限公司上海代表处 Oushi International Co., Ltd de Shanghai Representative Office	Guangdong Huyi Technology Co. Ltd.	August 18, 2014

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