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**LEGAL OPINION UNDER FRENCH PATENT LAW  
REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF  
US PATENT APPLICATION N° 12/682,666**

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The undersigned attorneys-at-law have been asked to draft this legal opinion by Clariant Production (France) SAS, a French company which took over the activities of Airsec SAS in order to be filed by this company with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

According to French statutory provisions regarding employee inventor's rights, which governed the employment relation between Airsec SAS and Mr Benoît Portier, Airsec SAS is the legitimate owner of the invention the subject matter of US patent application N° 12/682,666 regarding a "*canister for desiccants and other material*":

- ▶ either because the invention is to be considered as an "*invention under mission*" which belongs to the employer from the day the invention is made;
- ▶ or because the invention is to be considered an "*invention beyond mission, assignable to the employer*" which belongs to the employer when said employer requests that the patent be assigned to it, which request is deemed to have been made in the present matter since:
  - US provisional application N° 60/969,251 as well as US patent application N° 12/682,666 which have been filed in the name of Benoît Portier, both contain an explicit reference to an assignment of the application to Airsec SAS;
  - the power of attorney has been signed by Mr Benoît Portier, on 11 October 2007, in his capacity as "*vice-president marketing and sales - Airsec*";
  - PCT application N° PCT/EP 2008/063387 has been filed on 7 October 2008 in the name of Airsec SAS.

As a result, it is clear that, under French law, the ownership of the invention which is the subject matter of US patent application N° 12/682,666 belongs to Airsec SAS, the employer of Mr Benoît Portier, irrespective of the classification of the invention between one of the two above mentioned categories.

The ownership of this patent application does not require the signature of any assignment agreement between the inventor, Mr Benoît Portier, and his employer, Airsec SAS.

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