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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, the undersigned inventors, having our residences as set forth below, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS," have invented a certain new invention for:

**METHOD FOR PRODUCING A STEEL COMPONENT HAVING A METAL COATING  
PROTECTING IT AGAINST CORROSION, AND STEEL COMPONENT**

as described and set forth in U.S. National Stage Patent Application No. 14/917,899 filed on March 9, 2016, and related PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2014/065141 filed on July 15, 2014, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and

WHEREAS, THYSSENKRUPP STEEL EUROPE AG, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE", a company organized under the laws of Germany, with its principal place of business at Kaiser-Wilhelm-Straße 100, 47166 Duisburg, DE, is desirous of acquiring ASSIGNORS' entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, improvements, application and any Letters Patents which may be granted therefor or thereupon in any country, together with any and all non-provisional applications, divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues and extensions thereof in all countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNORS, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, improvements, and in and to said application and any Letters Patents which may be granted therefor or thereupon, together with any and all non-provisional applications, divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues and extensions thereof, and ASSIGNORS authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention or applications, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as my interest is concerned, unto ASSIGNEE in accordance with this Assignment. To the extent applicable, ASSIGNORS also hereby assign to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest to sue third parties for any past, present or future infringement, and to collect all damages relating thereto, of all Letters Patents assigned herein.

ASSIGNORS also assign to ASSIGNEE, all right, title and interest in and to the invention disclosed in said application throughout the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents, utility models, industrial models and designs throughout the world, including all rights to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention and all rights to register said invention in appropriate registries; and ASSIGNORS further agree to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such right, title and interest in ASSIGNEE.

ASSIGNORS will communicate to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns or their representatives, any facts known to us respecting said invention and improvements; and, at the expense of ASSIGNEE, ASSIGNORS will fully cooperate in any legal proceedings, including

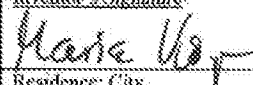
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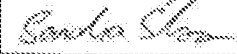
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any proceeding within the United States Patent and Trademark Office or other Patent Office anywhere in the world, relating thereto, sign all lawful papers, execute all non-provisional, divisional, continuing, continuations-in-part, reissue and substitute applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations, and, in addition, execute any and all documents required to vest title in ASSIGNEE and to aid ASSIGNEE to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

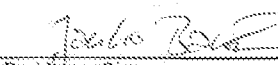
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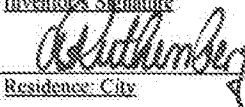
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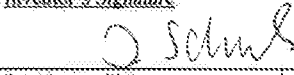
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