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**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) and ASSIGNMENT FOR  
APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

**Title of Invention:** METHOD FOR EXTRACTION AND SEPARATION OF RARE EARTH ELEMENTS

As the below name inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

\_\_\_\_\_ The attached application or  
X United States application or PCT international application  
number 15/503,954 filed on February 14, 2017

The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I believe that I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.

I hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this declaration is punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

WHEREAS, **RARE EARTH SALTS SEPARATION AND REFINING, LLC** (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") having places of business at: 1111 18<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Minot, ND 58701, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefore in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, I, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE,

the invention which is disclosed in the above-identified application or applications;

such application or applications, and all divisional, continuing (including continuation-in-part), substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other applications for a patent or patents which have been or shall be filed in the United States (including all provisional and non-provisional applications), and in all foreign countries and jurisdictions based in whole or in part on any of such invention (including any application for a utility model or an innovation patent application);

all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries and jurisdictions based in whole or in part on any of such invention;

including the right to claim priority to the above-identified patent application or applications in relation to subject matter based in whole or in part on the above-identified patent application or applications and any of the foregoing including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty;

and including the right to all causes of action, remedies, and other enforcement rights related to the above-identified application or applications, including without limitation the right to sue for past, present, or future infringement, misappropriation, or violation of any and all rights related to the above-identified patent application or applications and any of the foregoing, including the right to obtain and collect damages for past, present, or future infringement;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such invention to the Assignee;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST that any attorney associated with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Customer No. 117791 may (directly or through his/her designee) delete, insert, or alter any information related to the above-identified patent application or applications or any of the foregoing, after execution of this Assignment;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or shall be made to others by the Undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the Undersigned;

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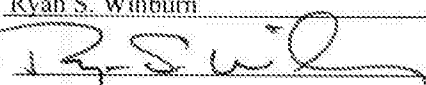
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AGREED as of the date of my signature below:

LEGAL NAME OF INVENTOR

Inventor: Ryan S. Winburn

Signature: 

Dated: 26 Mar. 2019

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Inventor: Joshua Beaudoin

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