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**ASSIGNMENT**

**WHEREAS** WE, John William COUVES and Christianne Clare WICKING both of British Nationality residing at Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom and Reading, Berkshire, United Kingdom, respectively, have made an invention relating to Quantitative Method For Determining The Organic Acid Content of Crude Oil which is the subject of BP Patent Case No.501159 filed on 17 August 2017 under European Patent Application No. 17186718.7 (hereinafter the "Invention"); and

**WHEREAS** I, John William COUVES when contributing to said Invention and improvements thereto was employed by BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED registered in England and Wales with company number 305943 and having a registered office at Chertsey Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex, TW16 7BP, United Kingdom and am a joint inventor of said Invention; and

**WHEREAS** I, Christianne Clare WICKING, when contributing to said Invention and improvements thereto was employed by BP OIL UK LIMITED having a registered office at Chertsey Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex, TW16 7BP, United Kingdom and being registered in England and Wales with company number 446915 and am a joint inventor of said Invention;

**WHEREAS** I, Christianne Clare WICKING, 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 OIL UK LIMITED by contract of employment or through application of law; and

**WHEREAS** by an assignment dated 17 August 2017, BP OIL UK LIMITED has assigned any and all rights, title and interest of BP OIL UK LIMITED in said Invention to BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED and BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED has accepted the assignment; and

**WHEREAS** We, John William COUVES and Christianne Clare WICKING each acknowledge that all of our 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 and being registered in England and Wales with company number 305943;

**NOW THEREFORE**, to the extent that specific assignment of the Invention and/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, WE, the said John William COUVES and Christianne Clare WICKING and BP OIL UK LIMITED 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 the right to claim priority from any patent application (including but not limited to European Patent Application No. 17186718.7) for the said Invention and any improvements thereon in any country of the world, and any and all patent applications (including but not limited to European Patent Application No. 17186718.7) 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 17 August 2017.

And WE 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 WE hereby further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the assignee herein, its successors, legal representatives and assigns any facts known to us respecting said Invention and any improvements thereon, 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 and any improvements thereon in the USA and all other countries of the world.

Dated: 16 Oct 2018

*John Couves*  
John William COUVES

*[Signature]*  
Witnessed  
John Buren  
PRINT WITNESS NAME

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Christianne Clare WICKING

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Witnessed

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PRINT WITNESS NAME

Agreed for BP OIL UK LIMITED:

Dated: 18 October 2018

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(print name) SIMON HILL

Accepted for BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY:

Dated: 18 October 2018

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(print name) LOUISE FORD

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

John William COUVES

Witnessed \_\_\_\_\_

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PRINT WITNESS NAMEDated: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018Christianne Clare WICKING

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LIAM BAWERTJ  
PRINT WITNESS NAME

Agreed for BP OIL UK LIMITED:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ (signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(print name) \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted for BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY:

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