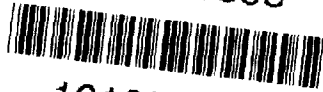


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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof:

Name of conveying party:

Name and address of receiving party:

THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY
Midland, Michigan 48674
(a Delaware corporation)

ELF ATOCHEM AGRI S.A.
1, rue des Freres Lumiere
78373 Plaisir Cedex
France
(a French corporation)

Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment
- Merger
- Security Agreement
- Change of Name
- Other _____

Execution date: October 14, 1999

Application number(s) or registration number(s):

Trademark Application No.(s)

Trademark Registration No.(s)

833,543

Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Elf Atochem North America, Inc.
Patent Department - 26th Floor
2000 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-3222
Attn: Mary G. Fay

Total number of applications and registrations involved: 1

Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$40.00 Authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2717.

Statement and signature:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing instrument is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

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ASSIGNMENT OF REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation, having its principal place of business at Midland, Michigan, United States of America, has obtained ownership of record of the following trademark which is registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

Trademark PLICTRAN, Reg. No. 833,543 dated 15 August 1967

and,

WHEREAS, ELF ATOCHEM AGRI S.A., a French Corporation with business offices located at 1, rue des Freres Lumiere, 78373 Plaisir Cedex, France, is desirous of acquiring said trademark and the registration thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY does hereby assign unto the said ELF ATOCHEM AGRI S.A. all right, title and interest in and to the said trademark, together with the good will of the business symbolized by the trademark, and the above-identified registration thereof.

THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

By J. J. Fuscaldo
Name: J. J. Fuscaldo
Title: General Trademark Counsel

State of Michigan)
County of Midland)

On this 14th day of October, 1999, before me appeared J. J. Fuscaldo, the person who signed this instrument on behalf of THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, and who acknowledged that he signed it as a free act on behalf of the identified corporation with authority to do so.

(Notarial Seal)

M. K. Veschio

NOTARY PUBLIC
M. K. VESCIO
NOTARY PUBLIC, MIDLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 25, 2000