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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Chemical Specialties, Inc.

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- Individual(s), Association, General Partnership, Limited Partnership, Corporation-State - Delaware, Other

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

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

Execution Date: December 10, 1993

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Chemical Specialties, Inc.

Internal Address:

Street Address: One Woodlawn Street

City: Charlotte State: NC ZIP: 28217

- Individual(s) citizenship, Association, General Partnership, Limited Partnership, Corporation-State North Carolina, Other

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached: Yes No

(Designations must be a separate document from assignment) Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

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Additional numbers attached? Yes No

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

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6. Total number of applications and registrations involved:

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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 90.00

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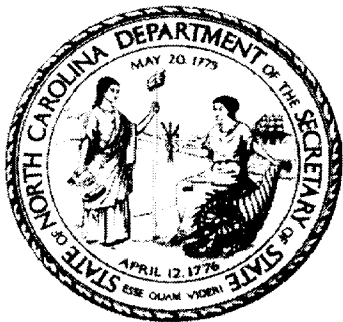
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To all whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

I, **ELAINE F. MARSHALL**, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached to be a true copy of

ARTICLES OF MERGER
OF
CHEMICAL SPECIALTIES, INC.

the original of which is now on file and a matter of record in this office.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my official seal at the
City of Raleigh, this 17th day of May, 2001.

Elaine F. Marshall

Secretary of State

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ARTICLES OF MERGER OR SHARE EXCHANGE

EFFECTIVE

Pursuant to §55-11-05 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned, RUEUS J. EDMISTEN, as the surviving corporation in a merger or the acquiring corporation in a share exchange, of the State of North Carolina, hereby submits the following Articles of Merger or Share Exchange.

1. The name of the surviving or acquiring corporation is Mineral Research & Development /, a corporation organized under the laws of North Carolina; the name of the merged or acquired corporation is Chemical Specialties, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware

2. Attached is a copy of the Plan of Merger or Share Exchange that was duly adopted in the manner prescribed by law by the board of directors of each of the corporations participating in the merger or share exchange.

3. With respect to the surviving/acquiring corporation (check either a or b, whichever is applicable):
a. Shareholder approval was not required for the merger or share exchange.
b. Shareholder approval was required for the merger or share exchange, and the merger or share exchange was approved by the shareholders as required by Chapter 55 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

4. With respect to the merged/acquired corporation (check either a or b, whichever is applicable):
a. Shareholder approval was not required for the merger or share exchange.
b. Shareholder approval was required for the merger or share exchange, and the merger or share exchange was approved by the shareholders as required by Chapter 55 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

5. These articles will be effective upon filing, unless a delayed date and/or time is specified: December 3, 1993 at 11:59 p.m.

This the 10th day of December, 19 93

MINERAL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CORP.
Name of Corporation

Thomas J. Riordan
Signature

Thomas J. Riordan/Vice President & General Coun
Type or Print Name and Title

NOTES:

1. Filing fee is \$50. This document and one exact or conformed copy of these articles must be filed with the Secretary of State.
2. Certificate(s) of Merger must be filed pursuant to the requirements of NCGS §47-18.1

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EXHIBIT A

PLAN OF MERGER

Plan of Merger (the "Plan") of CHEMICAL SPECIALTIES, INC. ("CSI"), a Delaware corporation, with and into MINERAL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CORP., ("MRDC"), a North Carolina corporation.

The following summarizes the basic terms and conditions of the merger between the aforesaid parties:

ARTICLE 1
MERGER OF CSI WITH AND INTO MRDC

1.1 The Merger. At the Effective Time (as hereinafter defined), subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan and pursuant to the provisions of the General Statutes of North Carolina, CSI shall be merged with and into MRDC (the "Merger"), the separate existence of CSI (except as may be continued by operation of law) shall cease, and MRDC shall continue as the surviving corporation. The Merger shall have the effects set forth herein and the effects set forth in the General Statutes of North Carolina.

1.2 Effective Date and Time of Merger. The Articles of Merger shall provide that the Merger shall be effective December 31, 1993 at 11:59 p.m. (the "Effective Date and Time").

ARTICLE 2
CANCELLATION OF SHARES

2.1 Cancellation of Shares. At the Effective Date and Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of CSI or the holders of each share of \$.01 par value common stock of CSI issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Date and Time shall be cancelled and retired and no payment shall be made with respect thereto. (CSI and MRDC are owned by the same sole shareholder.)

ARTICLE 3
NAME CHANGE OF SURVIVING CORPORATION

3.1 Name Change. At the Effective Date and Time, the name of the surviving corporation shall be changed to Chemical Specialties, Inc.

ARTICLE 4
SHAREHOLDER & BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT

4.1 The foregoing Plan of Merger was duly adopted by the Shareholders and the Boards of Directors of each respective corporation on the 10th day of December, 1993.

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