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WHEREAS, Air Liquide Canada, Inc ("Assignor"), may have certain rights and title to the United States Trademark application 78/152312 BLUE SHIELD (the "Mark"); and

WHEREAS, Air Liquide America LP, having offices at 2700 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1800, Houston, TX 77056 ("Assignee") is desirous of acquiring an interest in the Mark:

Assignor hereby releases all of its rights in and to the Mark and assigns to Assignee all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the Mark, further including: (i) all income, damages, and royalties now and hereafter due and/or payable to Assignor, including without limitation, damages and payments for past or future infringements and misappropriations thereof; (ii) all rights to sue for past, present and future infringements or misappropriations thereof; and (iii) all rights corresponding to any of the above throughout the world and the goodwill of the business symbolized by the Mark.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has caused this Assignment to be duly executed by its duly authorized officer on the date set before.

Air Liquide Canada, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda K. Russell', written over a horizontal line.

By: Linda K. Russell

Chief Intellectual Property Counsel,  
North American Operations

Dated: July 11, 2003