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for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been filed on even date; and

WHEREAS, Culligan International Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at One Culligan Parkway, Northbrook, Illinois, 60062-6209, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and the United States Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that in consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE TO ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and all Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefor on said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

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Date 5/28/98

Bradley S. Martin
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I hereby certify that Bradley S. Martin before me personally appeared and acknowledged that the foregoing Assignment was duly signed, sealed and delivered by him as his free and voluntary act on this 28th day of MAY, 1998.

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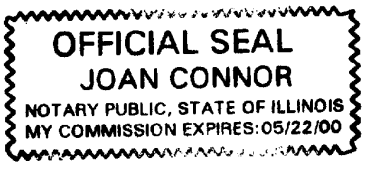
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