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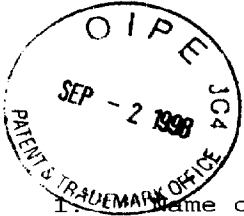
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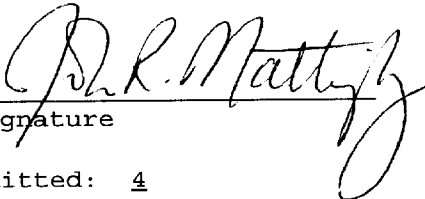
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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS we, Günter Becker, a German citizen, residing at Schulstr. 7, 27628 Bramstedt, Federal Republic of Germany, Heiko Bröer, a German citizen, residing at Lunestedter Str. 1b, 27612 Loxstedt-Düding, Federal Republic of Germany and Reiner Schwarzpaul, a German citizen, residing at Allersstr. 1a, 27572 Bremerhaven, Federal Republic of Germany, have invented certain new and useful improvements in "An apparatus for Separating Individual Sausages from a String of Sausages", for which we have filed a patent application in the United States Patent Office, Ser. No. 08/818,241 on 14 March 1997; and

WHEREAS, NORDISCHER MASCHINENBAU RUD. BAADER GMBH + CO KG, Geniner Strasse 249, 23560 Lübeck, Federal Republic of Germany, hereinafter called the "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention within the United States of America and its territorial possessions and any United States Letters Patent that may be granted therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of the sum of O n e D o l l a r , and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have assigned and transferred and do hereby assign and transfer to said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, within the United States of America and its territorial possessions, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States that may be granted therefor, together with the right to extend the protection thereof to the various territorial possessions now owned or which may be hereinafter acquired by the United States of America, all said rights to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its own use and behoof, and for the use and behoof of its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made. And, we do hereby request and authorize the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent, when granted, in accordance with this assignment.

In further consideration of said sum of One Dollar, and said other good and valuable consideration, to us paid, we covenant and agree with the Assignee that we have a full and unencumbered title to the invention hereby assigned, which title we warrant unto the Assignee, and we further agree that we shall, without demanding any further consideration therefor, at the request, but at the expense of the Assignee, do all lawful and just acts, including the execution and acknowledgement of the instruments that may be or become necessary for obtaining, substaining, or reissuing United States Letters Patent for the said invention, and for maintaining and perfecting the Assignee's right to said invention, and Letters Patent, particularly in cases of interference and litigation.

Executed this 3rd day of July 1997

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