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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, Brion Gompper, of Onalaska, Wisconsin; Kevin Keeffe, of La Crosse, Wisconsin; and Donald Mayer, of Trempealeau, Wisconsin (hereinafter "ASSIGNORS"), have invented a Livestock Sorting System, for which application is being made for Letters Patent in the United States, Application No. 09/162,434, filed September 28, 1998 and

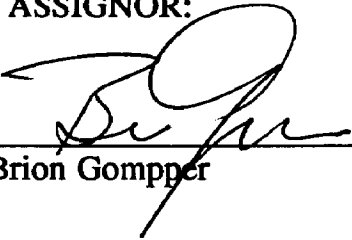
WHEREAS, Babson Bros. Co. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and having its principal office in Naperville, Illinois, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which by ASSIGNORS from ASSIGNEE is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS by these presents do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title, and interest for the territory of the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in and to the invention as described in the above application and in and to the patent application. The invention, application, and Letters Patent are to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE for its own use, and by its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNORS had this Assignment and sale not been made.

ASSIGNORS do further hereby agree to provide all reasonable aid to ASSIGNEE in the making and prosecuting of any application for other Letters Patent that ASSIGNEE may wish to make covering the invention claimed in the application and in vesting in ASSIGNEE like exclusive right, title, and interest in and to all such other applications and resulting Letters Patent in similar proportion. ASSIGNORS hereby agree that ASSIGNORS will similarly aid ASSIGNEE in the prosecution of any interference that may arise involving any application for Letters Patent herein contemplated and that ASSIGNORS will execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE any and all additional papers that may be reasonably requested by ASSIGNEE to fully carry out the terms of this Assignment.

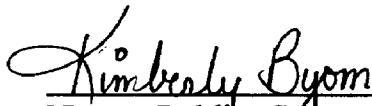
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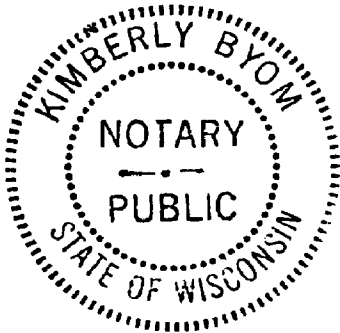
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Brion Gompper (SEAL)

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Before me personally appeared Brion Gompper, to me known to be the person identified as ASSIGNOR in the above Assignment, who signed the foregoing instrument in my presence and made oath before me to the allegations set forth therein as being under oath on the 15th day of October, 1998.

  
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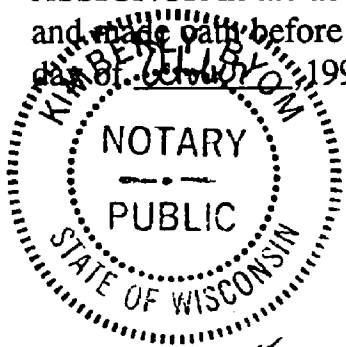
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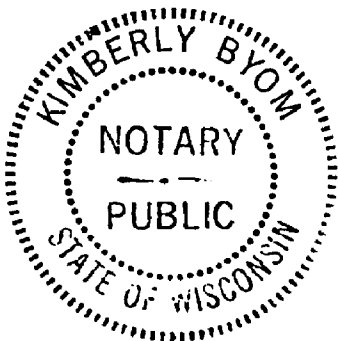
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Donald Mayer

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