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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, JOHN D. OGREN, a citizen of the United States of America, and residing at 10330 Mississippi Blvd., Coon Rapids, MN 55433, am the inventor of that certain invention disclosed and claimed in the application for United States Letters Patent executed by me on Mor. 10^{-12} , 1998, and entitled "DECORATIVE TREE STAND"; and

WHEREAS, R D S ASSOCIATES, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having its principal office located at 8620 Highway 7, P. O. Box 309, St. Bonifacius, MN 55375, is desirous of acquiring the said invention and any and all patents of any and all countries which may be granted on said invention.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid by said R D S ASSOCIATES, INC. and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, I, JOHN D. OGREN, have sold, assigned and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said R D S ASSOCIATES, INC., the entire right, title, and interest, both legal and equitable, in and to the said above identified invention for all countries, in and to the same above identified application for patent, and in and to any and all patents of any and all countries which may be granted on said invention; and the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue, in accordance with

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PATENT REEL: 9600 FRAME: 0861 this Assignment, any and all patents which may be granted on the above identified application or on the invention therein disclosed.

Signed at Coon Rapids, MN, this 10^{TR} day of Moreulon, 1998.

John Ogren

10330 Mississippi Blvd. Coon Rapids, MN 55433

STATE OF MINNESOTA) COUNTY OF CARVER)

On this 10 day of <u>November</u>, 1998, before me, a Notary Public for and within the County aforesaid, personally appeared JOHN D. OGREN to me known to be the person described in the foregoing Assignment, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free aft and deed.

LYNN D. DEBNER NOTARY PUBLIC-MINNESOTA Y COMMISSION EXPIRES 1-31-00

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