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Name: Toyo Hamono Co., Ltd.

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City: Miyagi-ken

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Signature

December 4, 1998

Date

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ASSIGNMENT BY SOLE INVENTOR

WHEREAS, I, Masao Takahashi (INVENTOR),
a citizen of Japan
residing at %Tagajyo Factory, Toyo Hamono Co., Ltd., 4-1, Miyauchi 2-chome, Tagajyo-shi, Miyagi-ken, Japan
, have invented certain new and useful improvements
in KNIVES ~~XXXXXX~~ FOR SLICERS

for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of
the United States, and I hereby authorize and request my
attorney, Jeff Rothenberg, of Heslin & Rothenberg, P.C., 5
Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203, to insert here in
parenthesis (Application number 09/191,712 filed 11/13/98
,) the filing date and application number of said
application when known; and

WHEREAS, Toyo Hamono Co., Ltd.,
(COMPANY) having offices at
15-1, Minato 4-chome, Miyagino-ku, Sendai-shi, Miyagi-ken, Japan
, is desirous of obtaining the entire right,
title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the
said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the
receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I the said INVENTOR have
sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents
do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said
COMPANY, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the
entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said
improvements, and the said application and all divisions,
renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent which
may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof,
and all applications for Letters Patent which may be filed for
said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the
United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for
said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the
United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;
and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of
the United States, and any Official of any country or countries
foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents
on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for
said improvements to the said COMPANY, its successors, legal
representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this
instrument.

AND I HEREBY covenant that I have full right to convey the
entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed,
and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will
communicate to the said COMPANY, its successors, legal
representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting
said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all
lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue

applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations and generally do everything possible to aid the said **COMPANY**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this
2 day of November, 1998.

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