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Steven P. Hergott, Wendell J. Holl,
David C. Nordby, Michael S. Simpson
and Brent M. Veldkamp

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: DEC International, Inc.

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Street Address: 932 Development Drive

City: Lodi State: WI Zip: 53555

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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A S S I G N M E N T

In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assigns to DEC INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Wisconsin corporation, having an address of 932 Development Drive, P.O. Box 260, Lodi, Wisconsin 53555, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/182,559, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the 29th day of October, 1998, entitled METHOD AND MEANS FOR CONVEYING AND PROCESSING AN EXTRUDED SAUSAGE STRAND, and in said application any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent, applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said DEC INTERNATIONAL, INC.

For said considerations the undersigned hereby agree, upon the request, and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and for the said considerations the undersigned further agree upon the request of said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, the undersigned hereby agreeing to perform, upon request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent of the United States and vest all rights therein hereby conveying in the said assignee, its successors and assigns whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, 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 the undersigned if this assignment and sale had not been made.

And for said considerations the undersigned hereby assign to said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements for any and

David Hamblin
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STATE OF IOWA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF POLK)

On this 26 day of October, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared David Hamblin, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

Janel K. Ketch
Notary Public

my Commission expires May 11, 2001

Steven P. Hergott
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STATE OF IOWA)
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On this 26 day of October, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Steven P. Hergott, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

Janel K. Ketch
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On this 28 day of October, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Michael S. Simpson, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

Janet L. Rees
Notary Public

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On this 26 day of October, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Brent M. Veldkamp, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

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