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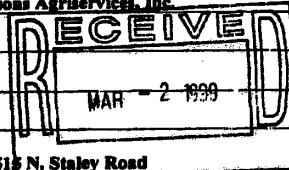
To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks attached original documents or copy thereof.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, THE ANDERSONS, INC., a corporation of the State of Ohio, having its principal place of business at 480 Dussel Drive, Maumee, Ohio 43537, hereinafter called Assignor, has title to United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/085,771, filed May 28, 1998 for CAT LITTER AND PROCESS FOR MAKING.

WHEREAS, THE ANDERSONS AGRISERVICES, INC., a corporation of the State of Illinois having its principal place of business at 3515 N. Staley Road, Champaign, Illinois 61826, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said patent application.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in the United States of America to said patent application, including all extensions, reissue patents, and corresponding foreign equivalents and all inventions covered by said patents and applications.

Assignor hereby agrees to execute any and all papers, including further assignment documents of any and all kinds in any and all countries, and to perform any and all acts which assignee may deem necessary to secure thereto the rights herein assigned, sold and set over.

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Assignor further represents and warrants that it has not granted any rights inconsistent with the rights granted herein.

THE ANDERSONS, INC.

By: Beverly J. McBride
Title: vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

State of Ohio)
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County of Lucas)

On this 16th day of February, 1999, 1998, before me personally appeared Beverly J. McBride, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.



Julie Ann Dibble
Notary Public JULIE ANN DIBBLE
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 8-20-2000

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