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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned Karen AURELIUS and Sven TOBBEN respectively residing at 14 The Lilacs, Barkham, Nr. Wokingham, Berkshire RG41 4UT, United Kingdom and Bergishe Landstrasse 317, 40629 Dusseldorf, Germany

having invented improvements in COIN MECHANISM and having executed an application for United States Patent which was filed as Serial No. 09/209,510 on 10 December 1998 describing the said improvements and based thereon, and

WHEREAS, said improvements were made in the course of our employment by a subsidiary of MARS, INCORPORATED, a corporation of the State of Delaware having its principal place of business at 6885 Elm Street, McLean, Virginia 22101-3883, United States of America hereinafter called "the Assignee" (which term shall include its successors and assigns):

THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to each of us paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee our entire right, title, and interest, in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto, in and to and under said application (which term shall include hereinafter where the context so admits all divisional, continuing, reissue and other patent applications based thereon and all applications the priority of which is claimed therein) and the improvements (which term shall include each and every such improvement or invention, or any part thereof) therein described, and any and all patents and like rights of exclusion (including extensions thereof) of any country which may be granted on or for said improvements or on said application;

And for the same consideration we do also hereby sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee all our rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and all other treaties of like purpose in respect of said improvements in and said application and we do hereby authorize the Assignee to apply in our names or its own name for patents and like rights of exclusion on or for said improvements in all countries, claiming (if the Assignee so desires) the priority of the filing date of said application under the provisions of said Convention or any such other treaty;

And for the same consideration we do hereby jointly and severally agree for ourselves and for our respective heirs, executors and administrators, promptly upon request of

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the Assignee, to execute and deliver without further compensation any power of attorney, assignment, original, divisional, continuing, reissue or other application or applications for patent or patents or like rights of exclusion of any country, or other lawful documents and any further assurances that may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Assignee fully to secure to it said right, title, and interest as aforesaid in and to said improvements, application, and said several patents and like rights of exclusion, or any of them all, however, at the expense of the Assignee;

And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America and the corresponding Officer of each country foreign thereto to issue to the Assignee any and all patents and like rights of exclusion which may be granted in any country upon said application or on or for said improvements;

And we do hereby covenant for ourselves and for our legal representatives and agree with the Assignee that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said improvements to anyone except the Assignee, that prior to the execution of this deed our right, title and interest in and to said improvements has not been otherwise encumbered, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set out hand and seals hereunto as of

Signed at:-

Date (79.12.98

Witness

Sven TOBBEN

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