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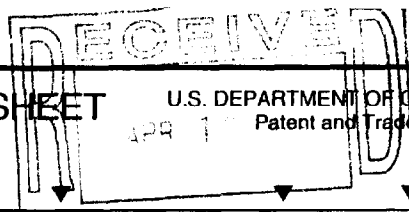
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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT

BY

RICHARD W. FREDETTE

A resident of the City of Carencro
in the State of Louisiana ("Fredette")

TO

RIBCO, INC.

A Louisiana corporation organized
under the laws of the State of Louisiana ("RIBCO")

WHEREAS, Fredette holds United States Patent identified as Patent Number:

4,608,800 Further identified in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and made part hereof.

Fredette has agreed to assign to RIBCO all of his rights, titles and interests and any interests he has and may acquire in the future in and to the above Patent for the consideration of One Thousand and No/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars and the payment of a 60% royalty as set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

For good and valuable consideration paid by RIBCO to Fredette, Fredette has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto RIBCO, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest (and any interest he may acquire in the future) in and to the above mentioned Patent. The rights transferred hereby shall also include any and all reissues or extensions of said Patent, as well as other know how, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by RIBCO for its own use and behalf and the use and behalf of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term

or terms for which Patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Fredette, had this assignment not been made. As used above, "know how" means secret processes, trade secrets, engineering, design, process and operating information, developments, technical data and other scientific and technical information relating to the Patent assigned herein.

And for the same consideration, Fredette hereby covenants and agrees to and with RIBCO, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that Fredette will, whenever counsel of RIBCO, or the counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said Patent is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the maintenance, enforcement and defense of the Patent for said inventions, without charge to RIBCO, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

It is Fredette's intention to transfer to RIBCO all of the above-described property and rights to the fullest extent possible. Accordingly, with respect to the Patent, the Assignment shall include all divisions, continuations, re-issues, extensions, improvements and any and all interest therein, including licenses, royalty agreements and other contractual rights. Additionally, Fredette sells, assigns, transfers and agrees to deliver to RIBCO all materials related to or associated with the assigned property, including without limitation all files, documents, drawing, specifications, models, mock-ups, tools, methods, techniques, information and the like.

RIBCO shall have the right to sell non-exclusive licenses to use the Patent and patent technology, and the right to use and/or sell tools and products which rely upon the Patent and

patent technology.

RIBCO shall pay to Fredette a royalty in the amount of 60% of the gross proceeds received anywhere in the world by RIBCO from its clients as direct consideration for the use and/or sale of licenses, the Patent technology, or tools or products relying upon the Patent technology.

RIBCO agrees to hold Fredette harmless in connection with RIBCO's use of the Patent and the use and/or sale of the patent technology.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Assignment to be duly executed in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses as of the 24th day of November, 1998.

WITNESSES:

Lawrence S. Hatten *Richard W. Fredette*
RICHARD W. FREDETTE

Angélique E. Hojin RIBCO, INC.
BY: *Richard W. Fredette*
RICHARD W. FREDETTE, President

Peter A. [Signature]
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