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**ASSIGNMENT**

**WHEREAS**, I, John T. Ostgaard, residing at 7855 Vicksburg, Los Angeles, California 90045, made an invention disclosed and claimed in an Application for United States Letters Patent filed on March 13, 1996 and identified as U.S. Serial No. 08/615,710, entitled **An Apparatus for Retrieving Randomly Organized Articles**, which is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Serial No. 08/403,064 filed on March 13, 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, Automated Sampling, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having a principal place of business located at 45 Finisterra Road, Irvine, California 92714 ("Automated Sampling"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, the U.S. and foreign Letters Patent that may be issued thereon, and any improvements thereto;

**NOW THEREFORE**, Be It Known, that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the undersigned, the entire right, title, and interest of said John T. Ostgaard in and to said application for United States Letters Patent, the Invention disclosed and claimed therein, and any resultant patent or patents for said Invention and any renewals, reexaminations, reissues, extensions, substitutions, continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisionals thereof, including all foreign patents or rights claiming the benefit of priority therefrom or relating thereto, as fully set forth and described in the specification of said application for Letters Patent, is hereby sold, assigned and transferred unto Automated Sampling.

Pursuant to this Assignment, John T. Ostgaard warrants that he has made no other assignment, license, transfer, grant, mortgage, encumbrance, or other agreement regarding or

affecting the rights and intellectual property interests in the subject invention to or with any party other than Automated Sampling and agrees that he and his executors or legal representatives will make, execute, and deliver any and all written instruments including application papers, affidavits, assignments, or other documents as requested by Automated Sampling; will communicate to Automated Sampling any facts or circumstances known to him regarding the conception or reduction to practice of the invention or improvements thereon; will cooperate with and testify on behalf of Automated Sampling in any proceeding before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, foreign patent office, state or federal court, or any administrative body or alternate dispute resolution forum; and generally do all things which may be desirable or necessary in the view of Automated Sampling to vest, obtain, secure, perfect, maintain, or enforce any rights under the invention, application, Letters Patent, or similar proprietary intellectual property rights created or subsisting therein, or any improvement thereto, which are the subject of this Assignment.

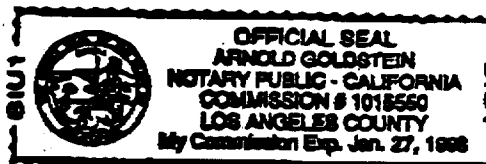
The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
                                  ) ss.  
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John T. Ostgaard

Subscribed and sworn before me this  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 1996

  
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