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08/895,832

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ASSIGNMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT

WHEREAS, HOBBS ENGINEERING COMPANY, a Virginia corporation, having its principal offices at 300 Kenyon Road, Suffolk, VA 23434 (hereinafter referred to in this assignment "ASSIGNOR"), is the record owner of the U.S. Patent Application No. 08/895,832 for "Method and Apparatus for Pulling and Chopping Plant Stalks";

WHEREAS, AMADAS INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED, a Virginia corporation, having its principal offices at 1100 Holland Road, Suffolk, Va 23434 (hereinafter referred to in this assignment as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the patent application;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of U.S. \$10.00 (ten United States dollars) and other consideration, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns, and transfers to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, all of ASSIGNOR'S right, title, and interest in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/895,832 and to the invention therein disclosed and all rights of enforcement thereto, including all rights to sue or recover for the past infringement thereof, and any and all choses in action related thereto. ASSIGNEE may apply for and receive patents in its own name wherever so permitted by law and the ASSIGNOR shall, when requested by the ASSIGNEE, execute all rightful oaths, assignments, and powers of attorney, including but not limited to the right to file and prosecute in its own name, wherever so permitted by law, patent applications, including corresponding applications, and to claim priority of patent applications pursuant to the Paris Convention, to the ASSIGNEE and to agents and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE, and all other papers necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this Assignment of Patent.

ASSIGNOR retains no ownership rights in the patent, the invention, and the rights transferred to ASSIGNEE hereunder.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, ASSIGNOR has caused this Assignment of United States Patent to be executed by its duly authorized representative on the date indicated below.

Pamela C. Scott
Notary Public
Suffolk VA

HOBBS ENGINEERING COMPANY

By: *Kermit Hobbs*
Name: Kermit Hobbs
Title: President

May 7, 1999

My Commission Expires *Nov 31, 2000*