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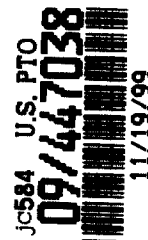
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ASSIGNMENT

I, for good and valuable considerations to me in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, conveyed and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, convey and set over unto SANTA'S BEST, a general partnership duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, United States of America, having a place of business in Northfield, Illinois, (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to all subject matter invented or designed by me and disclosed in the above-identified application, and any divisions and continuations thereof and in and to all Letters Patent of the United States including any reissues and extensions thereof that may be obtained therefor, and the right, where such right can be legally exercised, in its own name to apply for and obtain Letters Patent, Inventor's Certificates, Utility Models and Designs, in countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application the benefits of the International Convention as fully and entirely as I could have done if the application had been in my name, and the entire interest in any Letters Patent, Inventor's Certificate, Utility Model or Design which may be granted on any such application in such foreign country; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue Letters Patent, Inventor's Certificates, Utility Models or Designs, on applications as aforesaid, to issue any and all Letters Patent, Inventor's Certificates, Utility Models and Designs that may be granted for said invention to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

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And for the above-named considerations, I hereby agree that I will, without additional compensation but without cost to me, promptly communicate to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said invention whenever requested, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications for Letters Patent, Inventor's Certificates, Utility Models and Designs and assignments thereof, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, as and when requested by them, in obtaining and enforcing proper patent, inventor's certificate, utility model and design protection for said invention or inventions and improvements, in the United States and in all other countries.

Dated: 10/4/99

William L. Lehman
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On the date indicated above appeared WILLIAM L. LEHMAN, personally known to me and by me personally known to be the person who executed the above instrument, who, being duly sworn, acknowledged that he executed the above instrument as his free and voluntary act.

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John O. Probst
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