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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: **W. Schlafhorst AG & Co.**

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41061 Monchenglabach

City: **GERMANY**

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Manfred Mund of Herzogenrath; Michael Heines of Nettetal; Michael Iding of Geldern; Torsten Forche of Hamminkeln/Dingden; Stefan Terorde of Hamminkeln/Dingden; Bernd-Rudiger Theele of Aachen, John-Adrian Holt of Monchengladbach and Heinz-Peter Lindemann of Willich; all of Germany, have invented certain improvements in A METHOD FOR OPERATING AN AUTOMATIC CHEESE WINDER WHEN CHANGING BATCHES, for which we have executed an application for United States Letters Patent as dated below; and whereas, W. Schlafhorst AG & Co., a limited partnership of the Federal Republic of Germany, having a principal place of business at Blumenberger Strasse 143-145, 41061 Mönchengladbach, Germany, desires to purchase the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations paid by the said W. Schlafhorst AG & Co., the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we have agreed to and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said W. Schlafhorst AG & Co., its successors and assigns in and for the United States and its territories and for foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, in and to the invention therein set forth and in and to any patent which may issue on said application, or any reissue, division, or continuation of said patent or application; and we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, legal representatives, administrators and assigns properly to execute without further consideration, any and all applications, petitions, oaths and assignments or other papers and instruments which may be necessary to carry into full force and effect the sale, assignment, transfer and conveyance hereby made or intended to be made.

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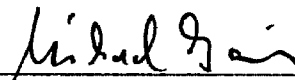
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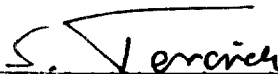
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