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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Eric C. Huffman, residing at 995 Flat River Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331 (hereinafter "Assignor") has invented certain new and useful improvements in an

UPRIGHT EXTRACTION CLEANING MACHINE WITH FLOW RATE INDICATOR

for a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America executed by Assignor as of the respective dates associated with his/her name herein; and

WHEREAS, BISSELL Homecare, Inc., a corporation of the State of Michigan having its principal office and place of business in the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan, (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under said invention and application above-identified, and in, to, and under any Letters Patent that may be obtained for said invention, together with all foreign rights corresponding thereto, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by Assignor from Assignee is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has agreed to sell, assign, and transfer and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under: said invention and application above identified; any Letters Patent of the United States of America that may be obtained in respect thereof; any corresponding applications for Letters Patent and Letters Patent therefor in all other areas of the world; and any reissues, extensions, substitutions, confirmations, divisions, and continuations of any of the foregoing (hereinafter "Invention Rights"), to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of Assignee forever.

Assignor hereby covenants and agrees, for himself/herself and for his/her respective legal representatives, to assist and cooperate with Assignee in the preparation and prosecution of any applications included within the Invention Rights and in the prosecution or defense of any interference, opposition, or other proceeding that may arise in connection with any applications or Letters Patent included within the Invention Rights and further to execute and deliver to Assignee any and all additional papers that may be requested by Assignee for the purpose of implementing the terms of this ASSIGNMENT.

Assignor hereby authorizes and empowers Assignee to invoke and claim for any applications or Letters Patent included within the Invention Rights the benefit of any rights to which Assignor might be entitled under international law or under the laws of any particular country (such as, without limitation, the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended) and to invoke and claim such rights without further written or oral authorization from Assignor.

Assignor hereby consents that a copy of this ASSIGNMENT shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file, or like document that may be required in any particular country for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of Assignee to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended.

Assignor covenants and agrees that this ASSIGNMENT and all of the terms hereof shall inure to the benefit of the successors, assigns, legal representatives, or nominees of Assignee, without further written or oral authorization from Assignor.

