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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT

WHEREAS, Peter de Groot, a United States citizen, has invented certain new and useful improvements in a Leafy Vegetable Harvester and Method for which an application for a United States Patent is filed herewith and;

Whereas, SECO Packing, a California partnership, with it's a mailing address at P.O. Box 2357 Salinas CA 93902, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and in and to the United States Letters Patent thereon, when granted, and in and to any and all improvements thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Peter de Groot, by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto said SECO Packing, the entire right title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent for the whole of the United States and each and every foreign country to be obtained therefore on said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute, or reissue thereof. ~~And all rights therein~~ PdG

THE SAME TO BE HELD and enjoyed by SECO Packing, its successors and assigns, for its own use, to the full term for which the said Letters Patent may or shall be granted, as fully and entirely as the same might or could have been enjoyed by us had this Assignment and sale not been made.

AND I HEREBY AUTHORIZE and request the commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issues said United States Letters Patent on our said invention, when granted, unto the said Assignee, in accordance with this assignment.

Executed this 26 day of April, 2000, at ~~Valley Fabrication, 637 Abbott St., Salinas CA 93901, California, 93923~~ Mail Boxes Etc, 225 Crossroads Blvd, Carmel

April 26, 2000  
Date

Peter de Groot  
Signature

State of California)  
) SS:  
County of Monterey)

On this 26 day of APRIL, 2000, before me personally appeared Peter de Groot, to me known to be the person named and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that ~~he~~ she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Tammy Conzoli  
(Notary Public)

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My commission expires: Aug 18, 2000

