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residing at 7210 Loma Linda Drive, Rockford, Michigan 49341, 2601 Winesap Court, NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525, and 3121 Creek Drive, SE, Apt. ___C, Kentwood, Michigan 49512, respectively, (hereinafter referred to as Assignor) has (have) invented certain new and useful improvements in

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for which an application for United States Letters Patent was:

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WHEREAS, Amway Corporation, a corporation of the State of Michigan, having a place of business at 7575 Fulton Street East, Ada, Michigan 49355-0001, (hereinafter referred to as Assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, Assignor hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto Assignee the full and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to said invention in the United States and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title, and interest in and to all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and in all foreign countries and in and to all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part, substitutions, renewals, reexaminations, and extensions thereof including the full right to claim for any such application the benefits of the International Convention.

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