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Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Ralston Purina Company

Internal Address:

Street Address: Checkerboard Square

City St. Louis State Missouri ZIP: 63164

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance

☒ Assignment

☐ Merger

☐ Security Agreement

☐ Change of Name

☐ Other

Execution Date: May 11, 2000; May 10, 2000; May 10, 2000;
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A. Patent Application No.(s)

09/498 286; filed February 4, 2000

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May 19, 2000

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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, of which we acknowledge receipt, we, Cathryn (Kati) Fritz-Jung, of 7806 Gannon, University, City, Mo 63130, Bhajmohan (Ricky) Singh, of 712 East Madison, St. Louis, MO 63122, Sandeep Bhatnagar, of 1115 Town & Four Parkway Drive, Creve Coeur, MO 63141, Gary J. Woodward, of 7355 Teasdale Avenue, University City, MO 63130, Karl L. Kettinger, of 3512 Glen Arbor, St. Louis, MO 63125, Donald R. Speck, of 570 Meyerwood Road, Festus, MO 63028, Jill A. Stoll, of 227 W. Old Watson Road, Webster Groves, MO 63119, Stephen E. Woerz, of 83 Kings Drive, Florissant, Mo 63031, and Peifang Zhang, of 12819 Town and Four Drive, Creve Coeur, MO 64141, sell and assign to Ralston Purina Company, a Missouri Corporation, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements in **PROCESS FOR DRY STABLE INTERMEDIATE PET FOOD COMPOSITION**, invented by us, as described in the application for the United States patent filed **February 4, 2000**, S.N. **09/498,286**, and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said Ralston Purina Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, we will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

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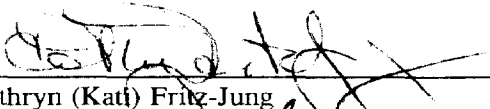
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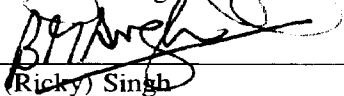
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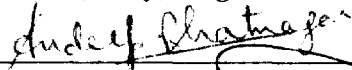
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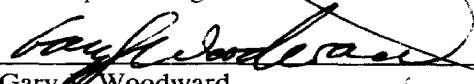
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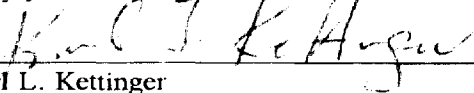
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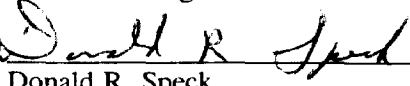

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This 11th day of MAY, 2000, before me personally came the above-named **CATHRYN (KATI) FRITZ-JUNG** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that she executed the same of her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Roy E. Schulze

ROY E. SCHULZE
Notary Public - State of Missouri
County of St. Louis
My Commission Expires November 3, 2000

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This 10th day of May, 2000, before me personally came the above-named **BHAJMOHAN (RICKY) SINGH** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Kristine M. Stein

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This 10th day of May, 2000, before me personally came the above-named **SANDEEP BHATNAGAR** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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This 10th day of May, 2000, before me personally came the above-named **GARY J. WOODWARD** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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This 11th day of May, 2000, before me personally came the above-named **KARL I. KETTINGER** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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This 10th day of May, 2000, before me personally came the above-named **DONALD R. SPECK** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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This 12th day of May, 2000, before me personally came the above-named **JILL A. STOLL** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that she executed the same of her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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This 8th day of MAY, 2000, before me personally came the above-named **STEPHEN E. WOERZ** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Roy E Schulze

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This 10th day of May, 2000, before me personally came the above-named **PEIFANG ZHANG** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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