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WHEREAS, I (we), Theodore A. Becker  
 whose post office address(es) appear(s) below, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, (is (are) the owner of certain new  
 and useful improvements in CERAN DOWNDRAFT COOKTOP HAVING INTEGRAL, ANGLED FRONT FACE  
**PORTION (Design)**  
 (hereinafter referred to as the INVENTION) for which an application for United States Letters Patent was

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**WHEREAS, MAYTAG CORPORATION**


Whose post office address is 403 West Fourth Street North, Newton, Iowa 50208  
 Hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same in the  
 United States and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I (we),  
 ASSIGNOR, do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said  
 INVENTION and application throughout the United States of America, including any and all United States Letters  
 Patent granted on any division, continuation, continuation-in-part and reissue of said application; and the entire right,  
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Date 24 July 2000	Signature 
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<u>Garnett Sharb</u> Notary Public My Commission Expires: <u>8-14-2000</u>	