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1. Name of conveying party: Leif H. Thompson
2. Name and address of receiving party: Thompson Animal Systems, Inc., an Illinois corporation having its principal place of business at 852 County Road 1700 East, Philo, Illinois 61864
3. Nature of conveyance: Patent Assignment executed on July 28, 2000
4. Identification of application or patent: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09 / 484,678, filed January 18, 2000, entitled *Chromium-Carboxylic Acid Feed Supplement*
5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning this document should be mailed: The undersigned at the address and telephone number shown on the letterhead
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**PATENT ASSIGNMENT**

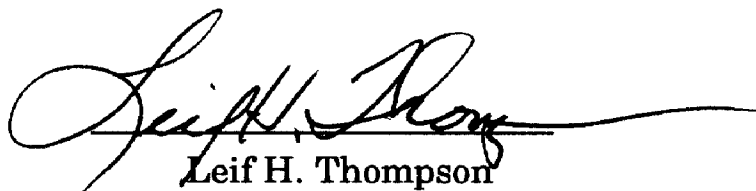
I, Leif H. Thompson, of Philo, Illinois, in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, hereby assign, sell, transfer, and set over to Thompson Animal Systems, Inc., an Illinois corporation having its principal place of business at 852 County Road 1700 East, Philo, Illinois 61864, all my right, title, and interest for the United States and all foreign countries in and to the following invention, patent application, and any Letters Patent that may be granted:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09 / 484,678 filed January 18, 2000, entitled *Chromium-Carboxylic Acid Feed Supplement*

I agree to assist the assignee, without expense to myself, in the prosecution of the above-identified application; in the making and prosecution of any other application that the assignee may elect to make covering the invention; in the conducting of any interference, litigation, or other proceeding which may arise involving the invention or application or Letters Patent; and in the execution of any and all additional documents and in the performance of any further acts necessary to vest the rights conveyed herein to the assignee.

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Dated this 28 day of July, 2000.

  
Leif H. Thompson

State of Illinois            )  
  ) ss.  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of July, 2000.

  
Notary Public

