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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **Mohamed A. Ismail**, of 290 Carolina Avenue, Lake Alfred, FL 33850, **Shi-Chiang Pao**, of 532 Lake Deer Drive, N.W., Winter Haven, FL 33880, **Mark Thomas**, of 585 East Thelma Street, Lake Alfred, FL 33850, **Rudi C. Groppe**, 7531 Santa Barbara Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020, and **Eric Davidson**, 235 Crescent Way, Salinas, CA 93906, hereinafter collectively referred to as Assignors, have made certain improvements or inventions in **FRESH COMMODITY PEELING SYSTEM AND METHOD**, for which Assignors have executed an application for United States Letters Patent filed on April 13, 2000 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and given Application Serial No. 09/548,962; and

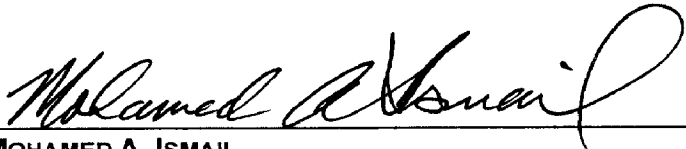
WHEREAS, **Florida Department of Citrus** a Florida corporation, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the same;

NOW THEREFORE, This Indenture Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) lawful money of the United States, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the United States Patent application, the invention or inventions therein shown and described and any improvements on the inventions heretofore or hereafter made, any divisions or continuations of the application, and all patents, United States and foreign, to be granted upon any such application or for the invention or inventions thereof, and any reissues, continuations or extensions of the patents; and the Assignors do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all patents on the United States Patent applications or for the invention or inventions hereof, in accordance with this assignment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on the day and year set forth below.

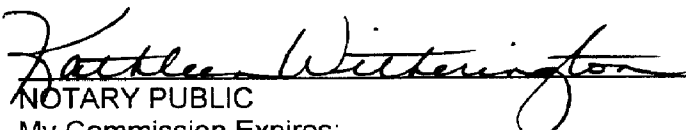
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MOHAMED A. ISMAIL

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On this 11 day of May, 2000, before me personally appeared the above-named **Mohamed A. Ismail**, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.



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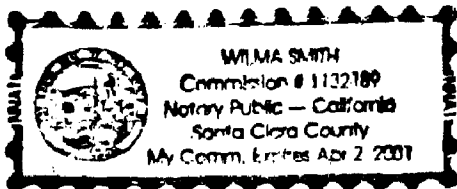
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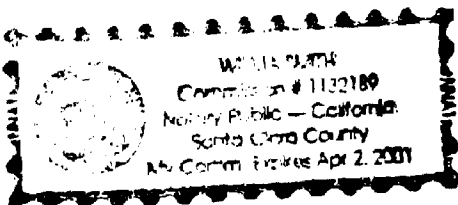
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