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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Name: <u>Michael J. Mazza</u> Internal Address: <u>The Clorox Company</u> <u>Legal Services</u> <u>23rd Floor</u> Street Address: <u>1221 Broadway</u> <u></u> City: <u>Oakland</u> State: <u>CA</u> ZIP: <u>94612</u>				6. Total number of applications and patents involved: <u>1</u> 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ <u>40.00</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: <u>03-2270</u> (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)			
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**PATENT
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, TRENT R. NORTEN, a resident of Oakland, California, whose Post Office Address is 3608 Lakeshore Avenue, 94610;

WHEREAS, ROBERT W. FLAGLER, a resident of Pleasanton, California, whose Post Office Address is 2234 Via Espada, 94566;

WHEREAS, ALAN D. BALL, a resident of Somerville, Massachusetts, whose Post Office Address is 50 Francesca Avenue, 02144;

WHEREAS, GEORGE H.F. SCHNAKENBERG III, a resident of Cambridge, Massachusetts, whose Post Office Address is 22 Dudley Street, Apt No. 3, 02140;

hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNORS**, have invented a novel and ornamental invention entitled:

WATER FILTER

for which they have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, such invention described in and identified in said application having a filing date of December 6, 1999, Serial Number 29/115,027, and

WHEREAS, THE BRITA PRODUCTS COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation having a place of business at Oakland, California, hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNEES**, are desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and said invention, in and to any and all improvement relating to said invention, and in and to Letters Patent thereon, when granted in the United States and all foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, ASSIGNORS acknowledge that, pursuant to the terms of their employment, and/or Agreements they have executed, the terms of which govern the obligations and duties of **ASSIGNORS**, the **ASSIGNORS** being under a continuing obligation to assign all right, title and interest in, to and under the invention which is the subject of their application for Letters Patent and any improvements thereof and all divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part thereof, to **THE BRITA PRODUCTS COMPANY**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns in accordance with said Agreements and with this instrument;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration received by **ASSIGNORS** from **ASSIGNEE**, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by **ASSIGNORS**:

1. **ASSIGNORS** hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto **ASSIGNEE** the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and said invention and improvements; including all priority rights under the International Convention associated with the filing of said application, for each country of the Union; and in and to any and all Letters Patent on said invention and improvements that may be granted by the United States or any foreign countries, including each and every Letters Patent granted on any application which is a division, substitution, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application relating to said invention or improvements, and in and to

each and every reissue or extension of said Letters Patent.

2. ASSIGNORS hereby warrant, covenant and represent that they have not heretofore granted any license, right or privilege in respect to the application or invention or improvements, or in any way encumbered the same, and that they have the full right to convey, free of all licenses and encumbrances, the entire interest hereby assigned.

3. ASSIGNORS covenant and agree, at the request and expense of ASSIGNEE, to promptly execute all papers necessary or desirable to perfect ownership of said invention, improvement, applications or said Letters Patents in ASSIGNEE, and will execute all oaths and other papers necessary or desirable for prosecuting said application, for use in interference proceedings involving said invention or improvements, for refiling said applications, for filing of said divisional, substitution, continuation or continuation-in-part applications covering said invention or improvements which are deemed necessary or desirable by ASSIGNEE, for reissuance of said Letters Patent, or for the filing in foreign countries of applications for Letters Patent covering said invention or improvements. ASSIGNORS further covenant and agree that at the expense and request of ASSIGNEE they will promptly assist ASSIGNEE in interference proceedings involving said invention or improvements, and in litigation involving in said Letters Patent, and will assist in ascertaining facts and producing evidence relating to said invention or improvements.

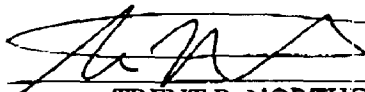
4. The terms, covenants and provisions of this assignment shall inure to the benefit ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon ASSIGNORS, their heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

5. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the United States Letters Patent on their invention, when granted, unto:

THE BRITA PRODUCTS COMPANY

its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives in accordance with this agreement.

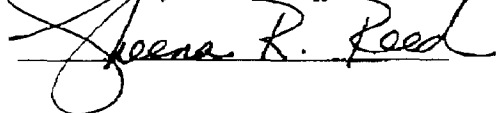
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, TRENT R. NORTHEN, have executed and delivered this instrument this 8 day of JUNE, 2000.

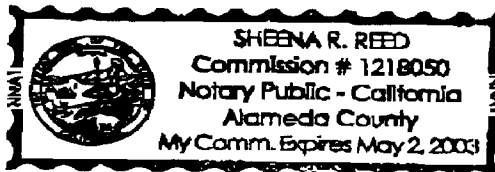

TRENT R. NORTHEN

On June 8, 2000 before me, Sheena R. Reed, Notary Public, personally

appeared Trent R. Northen, () personally known to me -- or -- ~~X~~ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person~~s~~ whose name~~s~~ is/~~are~~ subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/~~she/they~~ executed the same in his/~~her/their~~ authorized capacity~~(ies)~~, and that by his/~~her/their~~ signature~~(s)~~ on the instrument the person~~s~~ or entity upon behalf of which the person~~s~~ acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.





IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, ROBERT W. FLAGLER, have executed and delivered this instrument this 23 day of June, 2000.

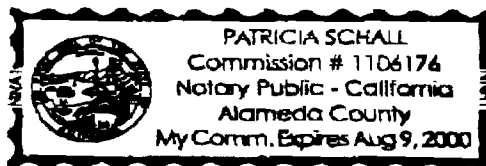
Robert W. Flagler
ROBERT W. FLAGLER

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF Alameda)

On June 23, 2000 before me, Patricia Schall, Notary Public, personally appeared Robert W. Flagler, (☒) personally known to me -- or -- (☐) ~~proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) or entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.~~

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Patricia Schall



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, ALAN D. BALL, have executed and delivered this instrument this 7 day of JUNE, 2000.

Alan D. Ball
ALAN D. BALL

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS)
COUNTY OF Middlesex)

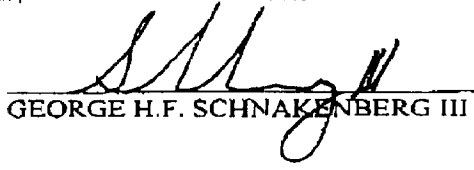
On 6/7, 2000 before me, Philip Chaves, Notary Public, personally appeared Alan D. Ball, (☐) personally known to me -- or -- (☐) ~~proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) or entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.~~

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Philip J. Chaves

PHILIP J. CHAVES
Notary Public, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
My Commission Expires 3/29/02

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, GEORGE H.F. SCHNAKENBERG III, have executed and delivered this instrument this 31st day of MAY, 2000.


GEORGE H.F. SCHNAKENBERG III

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS)

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX)

On 31 May, 2000 before me, BARBARA J. BULL, Notary Public, personally

appeared George Schnakenberg III personally known to me -- or -- () proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) or entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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