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Whereas, SAMMY DOG, LTD., a Texas limited partnership

of 400 N. Bailey, Fort Worth, Texas 76107

hereinafter referred to as "assignee" whose mailing address is \_\_\_\_\_

SAMMY DOG, LTD., 400 N. Bailey

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is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the sum of ten dollars (\$ 10.00), the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, I, the patentee, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to the said Patent aforesaid; the same to be held and enjoyed by the said assignee for his own use and behoof, and for his legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Patent is granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

Executed this 27 day of December, 2000.

at Dallas, TX

Ralph Steckel

Ralph Steckel, (Signature)

President, Pet Ecology Brands, Inc.

State of Texas,  
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SS: Ralph Steckel  
Before me personally appeared said Ralph Steckel  
and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this 27 day  
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