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ASSIGNMENT

We, **Harold H. Schmitz** and **Leo J. Romanczyk, Jr.**, who reside respectively at: **61 Harland School Road, Branchburg, NJ 08876** and **4 Fern Drive, Hackettstown, NJ 07840**, and, have made certain inventions or discoveries (or both) set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America entitled: **METHOD FOR REDUCING POSTPRANDIAL OXIDATIVE STRESS USING COCOA PROCYANIDINS**, filed November 17, 1999 as Application No. 09/441,644, which application was executed by us and **MARS, INCORPORATED**, whose address is **6885 Elm Street, McLean, VA 22101-3883**, and which, together with its successors and assigns is hereinafter called "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits and privileges hereinafter recited, and of confirming the same or any part thereof heretofore acquired by Assignee.

Now, therefore, for valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to us, receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, we hereby, without reservation:

1. Assign and convey to and confirm in Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, and any and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation and Convention applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries or upon said applications, and any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions of Letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon or arise from said inventions, said discoveries, said applications and said Letters Patent;

2. Authorize Assignee to file patent applications in any or all countries on any or all of said inventions and discoveries in our names or in the name of Assignee or otherwise as Assignee may deem advisable, under the International Convention or otherwise;

3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue or transfer all said Letters Patent to Assignee, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein or otherwise as Assignee may direct;

4. Warrant that we have not knowingly conveyed to others any right in said inventions, discoveries, applications or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that we have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance;

5. Bind our heirs and legal representatives, as well as ourselves to do, upon Assignee's request, and at its expense, but without additional consideration to us or them, all acts reasonably serving to assure that the said inventions and discoveries, the said patent applications and the said Letters Patent shall be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and entirely as the same could have been held and enjoyed by us or our heirs or representatives if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and

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