

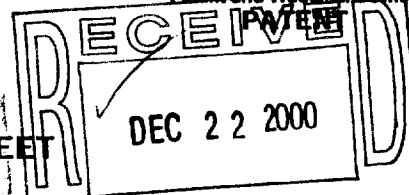
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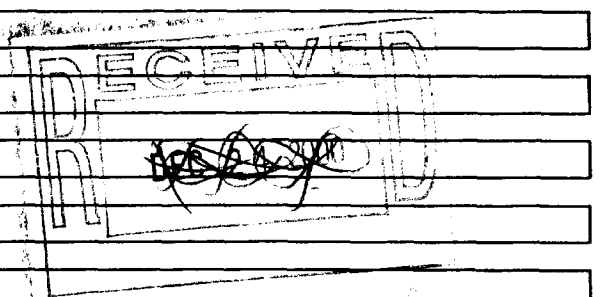
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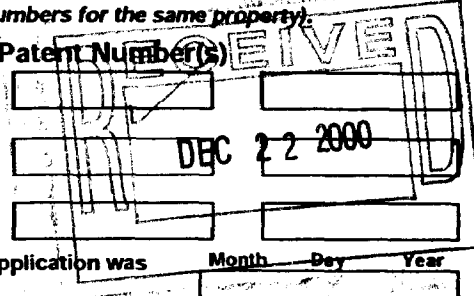
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WHEREAS, Centre de Recherche Industrielle du Québec, ("Assignor"), a Canadian corporation with a principle place of business at Parc technologique du Québec métropolitain, 333, rue Franquet, Sainte-Foy, Québec, Canada, G1P 4C7, is the inventor and owner of the right, title, and interest to the United States Letters Patent for the invention entitled System and method for extracting liquid from a humid mass by compression, Patent No. 4,534,868, which issued on August 13, 1985, and United States Letters Patent for the invention entitled Apparatus and method for extracting liquid from a humid mass, Patent No. 5,344,575, which issued on September 6, 1994 ("Letters Patents");

AND WHEREAS Les Industries Fournier Inc., ("ASSIGNEE"), a Canadian corporation with a principle place of business at 325, boulevard Frontenac, Black Lake, Québec, Canada, G6H 2B5 , is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the Letters Patents and all Inventions therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, ASSIGNOR hereby assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to said Letters Patents, all divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, continuations-in-part, and extensions arising from the Letters Patents, all rights of action arising from Letters Patents, all claims for damages for reason of past infringement of the patents, and the right to sue and collect damages for such infringement, to be held and enjoyed by the ASSIGNEE for its own use and benefit and for its successors and assigns as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR insofar as its interest is concerned;

ASSIGNOR further authorizes the ASSIGNEE and its successors, to record such Letters Patents directly in ASSIGNEE's own name in any jurisdiction, municipality or agency, in which recordation is required, and ASSIGNOR also assigns, sells, transfers and sets over to ASSIGNEE and its successors all priority rights;

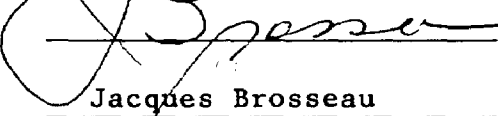
ASSIGNOR further covenants to execute all additional instruments and to do all things necessary for carrying out the purpose of this instrument, including communicating to ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, any facts known to ASSIGNOR respecting any improvements; to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and substitute Applications, make all

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ASSIGNOR covenants that no assignment, sales agreement, or encumbrances has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale and that to the extent any residual rights remain from prior assignments, all such rights will be assigned herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 05 day of December, 2000.

CENTRE DE RECHERCHE INDUSTRIELLE  
DU QUEBEC

By:  (signature)  
Jacques Brosseau (typed name)

Its: Vice-president, legal affairs and secretary (title)

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On this 5TH day of DECEMBER,  
2000, before me, a Notary in and for the Province of  
Quebec, Canada, personally appeared:

MR. JACQUES BROUSSEAU

whom I know and whose legal capacity I am aware of,  
and acknowledged his signature appearing on the  
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I hereby attest and certify that he signed such  
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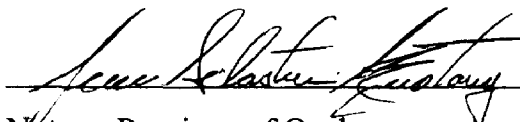
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QUEBEC, *a Canadian Corporation incorporated under  
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as its legitimate:

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and that he solemnly and truly protested to me that as  
such he is duly empowered to perform the acts contained  
in the mentioned assignment, on behalf of the above  
mentioned company.

Signed at SAINTE-FOY

  
Notary, Province of Quebec

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