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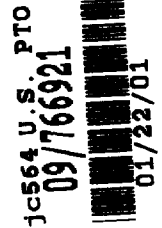
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, **JOHN W. HOY**, of 503 Iowa Street, Olpe, Kansas 66865, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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for which I am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, **HOPKINS MANUFACTURING CORPORATION**, a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at 428 Peyton, Emporia, Kansas 66801, is desirous of acquiring an interest in, to and under said invention, said application and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention in the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I, **JOHN W. HOY**, have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said **HOPKINS MANUFACTURING CORPORATION**, the full and exclusive right, title and interest, throughout the world, in, to and under the following:

(a) said invention as fully set forth and described in the specification prepared, and executed by me on even date herewith preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor;

(b) said application;

(c) any and all refilings and continuations of said application;

(d) any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may issue from said application, refilings, division and continuations;

(e) any and all reissues of said Letters Patent of the United States of America;

(f) any and all applications for Letters Patent upon said invention which may hereafter be filed in any and all countries foreign to the United States of America;

(g) any and all refilings, divisions and continuations of said foreign-filed applications;

(h) any and all Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America which may issue from the said foreign-filed applications, refilings, divisions and continuations; and

(i) any and all extension of, and additions to, said Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America.

ALL of the above shall be held and enjoyed by said **HOPKINS MANUFACTURING CORPORATION**, for its own use and behoof, and for its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

Executed this 19th day of December, 2000.

x John W. Hoy
JOHN W. HOY

STATE OF Kansas)
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COUNTY OF Lyon)

On this 19th day of December, 2000, before me personally appeared **JOHN W. HOY**, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Lana Richardson
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

February 17, 2001

