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WHEREAS I, DAVID E. MEHAFFEY, of Danville, Kentucky, have made a certain new and useful invention as set forth in an application for United States Letters Patent executed by me the 20th day of September, 2000, entitled **DIRT CONTAINER FOR BAGLESS UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER**; filed October 16, 2000; serial no. 29/131,166;

AND WHEREAS, **MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC CORPORATION OF AMERICA**, whose full post office address is One Panasonic Way, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, U.S.A., and whose Matsushita Home Appliance Company division has its full post office address at 1355 Lebanon Road, Danville, Kentucky 40423-0007 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, I hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto **MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC CORPORATION OF AMERICA**, its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as set forth in the above-mentioned application, and in and to any and all patents of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued for said invention.

UPON SAID CONSIDERATIONS, I hereby agree with the said assignee that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that I will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of the said assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, reexamined, reissued, or extended Letters Patent of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of assignor and assignee;

AND I request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said invention to said Assignee, its legal representatives, successors or assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to said patent and the invention covered thereby.



DAVID E. MEHAFFEY

STATE OF Kentucky)
COUNTY OF Boyle) SS:

On this 20th day of September, 2000, before me personally appeared DAVID E. MEHAFFEY, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

My commission expires: Sept 5, 2004.

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