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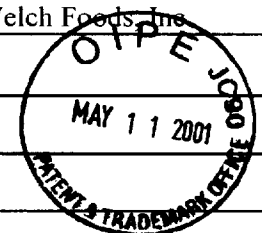
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ASSIGNMENT

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INVENTION: METHOD FOR RECOVERING INSOLUBLE SOLIDS FROM A
MIXTURE

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Assignor is the sole inventor (if only one inventor is listed above) or a joint inventor (if more than one inventor is listed above) of the above invention (the "Invention") described in a United States patent application (the "Application") bearing the above attorney docket number and having as a title the above name for the Invention. The Application has a Patent and Trademark Office filing date and serial number as indicated above, or if no filing date and serial number are shown, has a Declaration executed by Assignor contemporaneously with this Assignment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Assignor hereby executes this instrument on the date set forth below.

Date: 4/3/01

[Signature]
Charles Barth, Assignor

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Middlesex)

Before me, a notary public in and for said county and state, personally appeared Charles Barth, known to me to be the person described in the foregoing instrument, who, being first duly sworn, acknowledged his signature on the foregoing instrument in my presence and declared the same to be his free act and deed on the date written above opposite his signature.

SUSAN D. ANDERSON
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 12/31/2004

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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Date: April 3, 2001

[Signature]
David Currit, Assignor

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS)
STATE OF WASHINGTON) ss.
COUNTY OF YAKIMA)

Before me, a notary public in and for said county and state, personally appeared David Currit, known to me to be the person described in the foregoing instrument, who, being first duly sworn, acknowledged his signature on the foregoing instrument in my presence and declared the same to be his free act and deed on the date written above opposite his signature.

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Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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Date: 4/3/01

Richard M. Watts

~~Rick Western, Assignor~~

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Before me, a notary public in and for said county and state, personally appeared Rick Western, known to me to be the person described in the foregoing instrument, who, being first duly sworn, acknowledged his signature on the foregoing instrument in my presence and declared the same to be his free act and deed on the date written above opposite his signature.

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