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PATENT

REEL: 011890 FRAME: 0833

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS,

Antonio Turatti, an Italian citizen,

at Turatti Srl - Viale Regina Margherita 52

have invented certain new and useful improvements in

"Apparecchiatura per la asciugatura fdi verdure in particolare verdure in foglie

for which we have made (are about to make) application for Letters Patent of the United States of America;

AND WHEREAS,

Turatti Srl

is/are desirous of acquiring an interest therein and in the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor from the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of TEN Dollars (\$ 10.00=)

to me/us in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, WE have assigned, sold and set over, and by these presents do hereby assign, sell, and set over unto the said

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(a) specification prepared and executed by

right, title, and interest in and to the said invention, as

fully set forth and described in the:

on the day of

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(b) application filed on the 14th day of June 2000 Serial No. RM2000A000324 preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent therefore; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be

held and enjoyed by the said

Turatti Srl

for their own use and behalf, and for their legal representatives, to the full end of the term

for which said Letters Patent are granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by

us had this assignment and sale not been made.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hands and affix our seals at

this 22nd day of May, A.D. 2001

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* State whether the full and exclusive right, or what part of the whole interest is assigned

(Inventor's full Signature) (Antonio Turatti)

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