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**Insert Title
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(hereinafter designated as the undersigned) has (have) invented certain new and useful improvements in _____
A SLIT CLOSURE VALVE FOR CONTAINER OPENINGS

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America has been executed by the undersigned (except in the case of a provisional application).

**Insert Date
of Signing of
Application** ➡

on December 8, 2000 and June 22, 2001; and

**Insert Name
of Assignee** ➡

WHEREAS, GEORG MENSCHEN GMBH & CO. KG

**Insert Address
of Assignee** ➡

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its heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns (hereinafter designated as the Assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent(s) that may be granted therefor in the United States of America and

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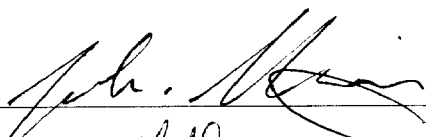
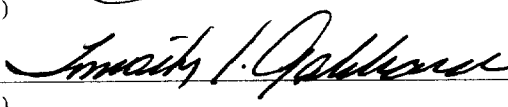
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