PATENT REEL: 012018 FRAME: 0543 21886 ASSIGNMENT

> In Consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I the undersigned,

> > Giuseppe DE'LONGHI, Vicolo Rovero 1, Treviso, Italy

hereby sell, assign and transfer to

DE' LONGHI S.p.A.

a joint stock company of Italy having a place of business at

Via L. Seitz, 47 I-31100 Treviso Italy

its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, my entire right title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to the improvements disclosed in United States patent application 09/839.687 filed 20 April 2001 and which is entitled

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and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other applications for Letters Patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on said improvements; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on said improvements.

I agree that said Assignee may apply for and receive Letters Patent for said improvements in its own name; and that, when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this Assignment, the undersigned will execute all rightful Oaths, Assignments, Powers of Attorney, and other papers; communicate to said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and representatives, all facts known to the undersigned relating to said improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which said Assignee, its successors, assigns, or representatives shall consider desirable for aiding in securing and maintaining proper patent protection for said improvements and for vesting title to said improvements and all applications for patents and all patents on said improvements in said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives; and

I covenant with said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license, or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the undersigned, and that full right to convey same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned.

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