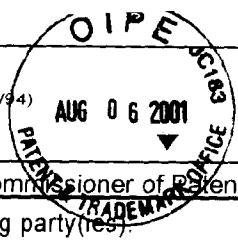


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for which application for Letters Patent of the United States such application being identified by having been granted Serial No. 09/834,060; and

WHEREAS, THE CLOROX COMPANY, a Delaware corporation having a place of business at Oakland, California, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and said invention, in and to any and all improvements relating to said invention, and in and to Letters Patent thereon, when granted in the United States and all foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, ASSIGNORS acknowledge that pursuant to their employment agreements and the terms of this instrument, they are under a continuing obligation to assign all right, title and interest in, to and under the invention which is the subject of the referred-to application for Letters Patent and any improvements thereof and all divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part thereof, to THE CLOROX COMPANY, its successors, legal representatives and assigns in accordance with this instrument;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration received by ASSIGNORS from ASSIGNEE, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by ASSIGNORS:

1. ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and said invention and improvements; including all priority rights under the International Convention associated with the filing of said application, for each country of the Union; and in and to any and all Letters Patent on said invention and improvements that may be granted by the United States or any foreign countries, including each and every Letters Patent granted on any application which is a division, substitution, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application relating to said invention or improvements, and in and to each and every reissue or extension of said Letters Patent.

2. ASSIGNORS hereby warrant, covenant and represent the fact to be that they have not theretofore granted any license, right or privilege in respect to the said application or said invention or improvements, or in any other way encumbered the same, and that they have the full right to convey, free of all licenses and encumbrances, the entire interest hereby assigned.

3. ASSIGNORS covenant and agree that at the request and expense of ASSIGNEE they will promptly execute all papers necessary or desirable to perfect ownership of said invention, improvements, applications or said Letters Patent in ASSIGNEE, and execute all oaths and other papers necessary or desirable for prosecuting said application, for use in interference proceedings involving said invention or improvements, for refiling said applications, for filing of said divisional, substitution, continuation or continuation-in-part applications covering said invention or improvements which are deemed necessary or desirable by ASSIGNEE, for reissuance of said Letters Patent, or for the filing of foreign countries of applications for Letters Patent conferring said invention or improvements.

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4. The terms, covenants and provisions of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and other, legal representatives, and shall be binding upon ASSIGNORS, their heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

5. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARK to issue the United States Letters Patent on their invention, when granted, unto
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, KEITH MAINQUIST, HAVE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED THIS INSTRUMENT THIS 13th DAY OF JULY, 2001.

W.K. Mainquist
W.K. MAINQUIST

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, JACK BREZNOCK, HAVE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED THIS INSTRUMENT THIS 13th DAY OF JULY, 2001.

John F. Breznock
JOHN F. BREZNOCK

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County of Alameda)

On July 13, 2001

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