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Please record the attached original document or copies for which the following particulars apply:

1. Conveying Party(ies): James E. White  
Gregory A. Roepka
2. Receiving Party: Stainless Steel Systems, Inc.  
Address: 210 East 6th Street, South Hutchinson, Kansas 67505
- ☒ Assignee is domiciled in the United States.  
☐ Assignee is not domiciled in the United States. A Designation of a Domestic Representative is attached.
3. Submission Type:
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4. Conveyance Document Type: Assignment Agreement  
Date Executed: 07/25/01 & 07/25/01 Interest Conveyed: ☒ Entire ☐ Other
5. Please record the enclosed document against the following:  
☒ patent application
- Application Serial No. 09/837,021, filed April 18, 2001, entitled AUTOMATED TRANSFER STATION FOR HANGING ARTICLES SUCH AS PEPPERONI SAUSAGES
6. Please address all correspondence concerning recordation of this document to:  
Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy, P.C., Attention Mark L. Kleypas, 120 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri 64105.
7. Total number of application(s) involved: 1
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11. The undersigned certifies that to the best of his knowledge, all information contained herein is true and correct and any copy of documents submitted herewith is a true copy of the original documents.

Respectfully submitted,

By

Mark L. Kleypas

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## ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

On the date shown below, and for good and valuable consideration the receipt of which we acknowledge, we made the following assignment and promises to Stainless Steel Systems, Inc. ("Assignee"), a Kansas corporation having a principal place of business at 210 East 6th Street, South Hutchinson, Kansas 67505, in connection with our invention of a new, original, AUTOMATED TRANSFER STATION FOR HANGING ARTICLES SUCH AS PEPPERONI SAUSAGES ("Invention").

1. 1. We assign, transfer, and convey to Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to

- (a) the Invention;
- (b) application Serial No. 09/837,021, filed April 18, 2001;
- (c) any Letters Patent issued pursuant to, or as a result of, the application referenced above;
- (d) all applications for Letters Patent, or similar legal protection, which may be filed in any country or countries foreign to the United States with respect to the Invention;
- (e) all Letters Patent which may be granted for the Invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States; and
- (f) all extensions, renewals, reissues, divisions, and continuations (or their legal equivalents) of any applications or Letters Patent referred to above.

2. We authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents or similar legal protection on applications, to issue to Assignee all Letters Patent or similar legal protection for the Invention or improvements.

3. We agree that, upon the request of Assignee, we will

- (a) execute any and all divisional and renewal applications for the Invention or improvements;
- (b) execute any supplemental oath relating to the Invention or improvements;

- (c) execute any application for reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon the application;
- (d) cooperate to the best of our ability in connection with any Interference proceeding, including but not limited to, cooperation in connection with preparing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support of such preliminary statement;
- (e) perform any and all affirmative acts to obtain Letters Patent and vest all right in such Letters Patent in Assignee; and
- (f) perform such additional acts as Assignee may deem necessary or expedient in connection with any of the matters stated above.

4. We covenant and warrant that as of the date of this Assignment Agreement, we are the true and lawful owners of the entire right, title, and interest in the Invention, application for Letters Patent, and any Letters Patent which may issue under said application, and have the full right and power to convey the same; that the same are free and clear of all liens, charges and encumbrances whatsoever; and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment Agreement.

5. This Assignment Agreement is binding upon, shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be performed by the parties named, their heirs, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

7-25-01  
Date

  
James E. White

7-25-01  
Date

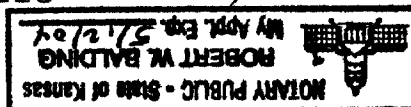
  
Gregory A. Roepka

STATE OF Kansas )  
COUNTY OF Reno ) ss.

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for the above State and County, personally appeared James E. White, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name who signed and sealed the above instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Robert W. Balding  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 5/12/04



STATE OF Kansas )  
COUNTY OF Reno ) ss.

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for the above State and County, personally appeared Gregory A. Roepka, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name who signed and sealed the above instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Robert W. Balding  
Notary Public

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