10-23-2001 Form PTO-1595 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Rev. 03/01) U.S. Patent and Trademark Office OMB No. 0651-0027 (exp. 5/31/2002) Tab settings ⇔ ⇔ ⇔ To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record and original documents or copy thereof. 1. Name of conveying party(ies): 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies) Name: HI-QUAL MANUFACTURING LTD. ALLAN AKINS Internal Address: Additional name(s) of conveying party(les) attached? Trees Yes No. 3. Nature of conveyance: Merger Assignment Street Address: 399 Ravenhurst St. Change of Name Security Agreement Other\_\_\_\_ Execution Date: January 3, 2001 Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:\_\_\_\_ A. Patent Application No.(s) 09326780 B. Patent No.(s) 6167842 09325939 Additional numbers attached? Yes No 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence 6. Total number of applications and patents involved: concerning document should be mailed: 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$\_ Name: Howard P. Nerman FEE PD. Enclosed Internal Address: Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: Street Address: 2500 - 360 Main St. (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account) City: WinnipegState: MB DO NOT USE THIS SPACE 9. Statement and signature. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Cameron Funk as Agent & Sept. 19/01 <del>Sol</del>icitor

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## **ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT RIGHTS**

## WHEREAS I, ALLAN AKINS, whose full post office address is:

P.O. Box 158 Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada R2H 3B4,

as inventor, hold legal title as bare trustee to certain now and useful improvements in the field of agricultural and farming equipment covered by certain United States of America Applications on behalf of the owner, HI-QUAL MANUFACTURING LTD.;

AND WHEREAS HI-QUAL MANUFACTURING LTD., whose post office box address is P.O. Box 158, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2H 2B4 is desirous of acquiring the full and exclusive legal right, title and interest in and to certain United States of America Applications Numbers as detailed below.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of \$1.00, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I ALLAN AKINS do hereby:

(a) assign to HI-QUAL MANUFACTURING LTD., all of my interest in the United States of America in and to the following inventions:

Patent Application Serial No. 09/326,780 filed June 4, 1999 and entitled "LIVESTOCK FEEDING METHOD AND FEEDER";

Patent Application Serial No. 09/325,939 filed June 4, 1999 and entitled "TWO-WAY GATE"; and

as fully described and claimed in my application for a patent of such inventions and to all of my corresponding right title and interest in and to any patents which may enure therefore.

(b) assign to HI-QUAL MANUFACTURING LTD., all of my right title and interest in and to United States of America Letters Patent No. 6,167,842 for an invention entitled "ANIMAL CONFINEMENT PEN WITH IMPROVED ACCESS TO ANIMAL" granted on January 2, 2001.

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Signed at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ day of January 2001.

Witness

Allan Akins

Hi-Qual Manufacturing Atd.

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That I was personally present and did see Allan Akins who is personally known to me to be the person named in the attached assignment duly sign and execute the same.

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