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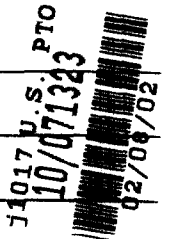
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, DARYL E. AUSTIN, of 4631 Shadigee Road, Newfane, New York 14108, EDWARD J. HORETH, of 125 Wildmere Road, Rochester, New York 14617, GORDON N. LEICHTER, of 31 Hedge Wood Lane, Pittsford, New York 14534 and JAMES S. VORDONIS, of 53 Country Corner Lane, Fairport, New York 14450, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a METHOD OF CHANGING THE CAGES OF LABORATORY ANIMALS, AND RACKS FOR USE THEREWITH, for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, GETINGE/CASTLE, INC., a Delaware corporation, of 1777 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, New York 14623-3133, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the said invention and application, and in any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we have assigned, sold and set over, and do hereby assign, sell and set over, unto the said GETINGE/CASTLE, INC., the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application for the United States and all foreign countries, as fully set forth and described in the specification prepared and executed by us on the 5th day of February, 2002, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent therefor; said invention, application and any Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the said GETINGE/CASTLE, INC.; for its own use and behoof, and for its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which any Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment not been made.

AND WE do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent to the said GETINGE/CASTLE, INC., as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest thereto.

AND WE agree to sign and properly execute such necessary and lawful papers for filing continuations and divisions of said application for patent, for interference or proceedings, and for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent that may be granted for our aforesaid invention, as the assignee thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at its own expense.

AND WE do further understand that in executing this document, we are transfer-

