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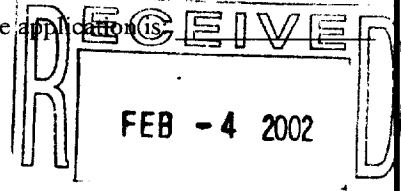
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**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION**

WHEREAS, we, THOMAS R. STANLEY, MARK D. KELLEY, PHILIP W. DAVIS, MARK L. FOX, THOMAS D. WESTON, and DAVID L. WRIGHT residing at 336 Poland Road, Danville, IL 61834; 8215 N. Virginia Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64118; 412 E. Autumn Drive, Oakwood, IL 61858; 7111 Boucher Circle, Pleasant Valley, MO 64068; 7234 W. 450S, Williamsport, IN 47993; and 422 S. Seymour, Oakwood, IL 61858, respectively have invented certain new and useful improvements in:

**APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY STUFFING FOOD CASING**

for which we have made application for Letters Patent in the United States as U.S. Serial No. 09/976,135;

AND WHEREAS, TEEPAK PROPERTIES, LLC, 1011 Warrenville Road, Suite 255, Lisle, Illinois 60532, organized in the State of Delaware, is desirous of acquiring all interest of the above-named inventors in said invention, said application disclosing the invention and any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor:

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that for the sum of One Dollar, and other valuable consideration to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign, sell and transfer unto said TEEPAK PROPERTIES, LLC our entire right, title and interest in said invention, said application, including any divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and countries foreign thereto, which may be granted for said invention, and in and to any and all priority rights, Convention rights, and other benefits accruing or to accrue to us with respect to the filing of applications for patents or securing of patents in the United States and countries foreign thereto;

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said United States Letters Patent to said TEEPAK PROPERTIES, LLC, as the Assignee of our whole right, title and interest thereto;

And we further agree to execute all necessary and lawful future documents, including assignments in favor of TEEPAK PROPERTIES, LLC, or its designee as TEEPAK PROPERTIES, LLC or its Assignee may from time-to-time present to us in order to perfect title in said invention, modifications, and improvements in said invention, applications and Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto;

And we further agree to sign and properly execute such necessary and lawful papers for application for foreign patents, for filing subdivisions of said application for patent, and/or, for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for our aforesaid invention, as the Assignee thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at its own expense.

WITNESS, my hand and seal this 20th day of December, 2001.

WITNESS:

Ralph D. Kealy

Thomas R. Stanley  
Thomas R. Stanley

WITNESS:

Scott Rami

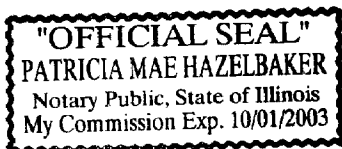
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On this 20th day of December in the year of 2001, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared Thomas R. Stanley to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that he executed the same.

[SEAL]



Patricia M. Hazelbaker  
Notary Public

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WITNESS:

Scott J. Rami

Mark D. Kelley  
Mark D. Kelley

WITNESS:

Paul S. Kearf

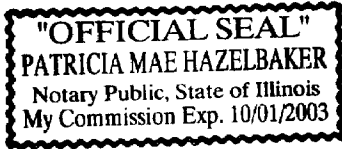
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Philip W. Davis

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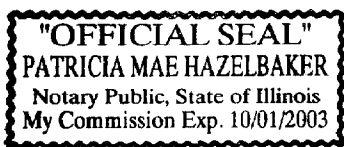
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WITNESS, my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2002.

WITNESS:

Paul S. Kealy

Mark L. Fox  
Mark L. Fox

WITNESS:

Richard Stonebaugh

STATE OF Missouri

COUNTY OF Platte

SS:

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of 2002, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared Mark L. Fox to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that he executed the same.

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DIANNA L. COLLINS  
Notary Public - Notary Seal  
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Platte County  
My Commission Expires May 4, 2003

Dianna L. Collins  
Notary Public

WITNESS, my hand and seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001.

WITNESS:

Paul S. Kealy

Thomas D. Weston  
Thomas D. Weston

WITNESS:

Scott Rami

STATE OF Illinois

COUNTY OF Vermilion

SS:

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of 2001, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared Thomas D. Weston to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that he executed the same.

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Scott J. Rossi

David L. Wright  
David L. Wright

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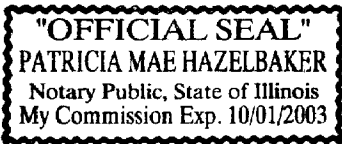
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