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WHEREAS, We, Michael R. Thomas Robert H. Bessemer

residing at Effingham, Effingham County, Illinois and
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

have invented certain new and useful improvements in
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CRYOGENIC COOLING

for which we have this day executed an application for United States Letters Patent:

AND WHEREAS The Conair Group, Inc.
1 Conair Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15202


hereinafter called the "assignee", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said application and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to us by said assignee, receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge, we do hereby assign, sell, transfer, and set over unto said assignee the entire right, title, and interest in and to said application and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed for the United States and all foreign countries and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States and all foreign countries and all divisions, reissues, continuations, renewals, and/or extensions thereof including all priority rights under the International Convention associated therewith for each country and the Union, said assignee to have and to hold the interests herein assigned to the full ends of the terms of said Letters Patent and any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, renewals, and/or extensions thereof, respectively, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment not been made.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is requested to issue such Letters Patent in accordance herewith. We covenant that we are the lawful owners of the said application, inventions, and improvements, that the same are unencumbered, that no license has been granted to make, use, or vend the said inventions or improvements or any of them, and that we have the full right to make this assignment.

And for the consideration aforesaid, we agree jointly and individually that we will communicate to said assignee or the representatives thereof any facts known to us respecting said inventions and improvements, and will, upon request, but without expense to us, testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, reissue, continuation, renewal, and/or extension applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do all other and further lawful acts, deemed necessary or expedient by said assignee or by counsel for said assignee, to assist or enable said assignee to obtain and enforce full benefits from the rights and interests herein assigned. This assignment shall be binding upon our heirs, executors, administrators, and/or assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and/or assigns, as the case may be, of said assignee.

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State of Illinois
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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared:
Michael R. Thomas

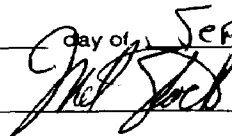
who acknowledged that they are the persons who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged it to be their free and voluntary act and deed

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 5th

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