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hereinbelow called the "Assignor", have made a certain invention in

An Automatic Defrost System for a Refrigerating Device

for which an international application designating the U.S. was filed on June 20, 2000, under International Application No. PCT/BR00/00067; and

WHEREAS, MULTIBRAS S.A. ELETRODOMESTICOS, a corporation organized and existing under and by the laws of Brazil, having a place of business at Avenida das Nacoes Unidas, 32° Andar, 12995, 04578-000, Sao Paulo - SP, Brazil, (below called the "Assignee"), is desirous of securing the entire right, title and interest in the United States in and to the said invention, application and Letters Patent, when granted, and in and to any divisions, divisionals, continuations, improvements, reissues or extensions that may be made or granted thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid by the said Assignee, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said Assignors, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, all of our right, title and interest in the United States in and to the said invention, application and Letters Patent, when granted, and in and to any divisions, continuations, improvements, reissues or extensions that may be made or granted on any of them;

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