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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.		
1. Name(s) of conveying party(ies): <span style="float: right; font-size: 1.5em;">6.14.02</span> Hubbard Feeds, Inc.  Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No 3. Nature of conveyance:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Merger</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Security Agreement <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  Execution Date: <u>May 31, 2002</u>	2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)  Name: <u>Ridley Block Operations, Inc.</u> Internal Address: _____ Street Address: <u>424 N. Riverfront Drive</u> City: <u>Mankato</u> State: <u>MN</u> ZIP: <u>56002-8500</u> Country: _____  Additional name(s) & address(es) attached <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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A. Patent Application No.(s)	B. Patent No.(s) <u>U.S. 6143335</u>	
Additional numbers attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:  Name: <u>Stuart R. Hemphill</u> Internal Address: <u>DORSEY &amp; WHITNEY LLP</u> Street Address: <u>Suite 1500, 50 South Sixth Street</u> City: <u>Minneapolis</u> State: <u>MN</u> ZIP: <u>55402-1498</u>	6. Total Number of applications and patents involved: <u>4</u> 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41). . . <u>4</u> x \$40. . . . . <u>\$40.00</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account  8. Deposit Account number: <u>04-1420</u> (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)	
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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.  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <u>Stuart R. Hemphill</u>            Name of Person Signing            Reg. No. 28,084         </div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">             Signature         </div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"> <u>June 5, 2002</u>            Date         </div> </div>		
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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, HUBBARD FEEDS INC. (Assignor), a Minnesota corporation, is the owner by assignment of the entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 6,143,335, entitled SOLID NUTRITIONAL FOODS AND METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME, issued November 7, 2000 ('335 Patent), and all other patents and patent applications, both domestic and foreign, originating from the '335 Patent or its underlying application(s);

WHEREAS, RIDLEY BLOCK OPERATIONS, INC. (Assignee), a Minnesota corporation, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the aforesaid '335 Patent, together with the invention(s) disclosed therein, all patent applications, both domestic and foreign, therefor and any divisions, substitution, continuations, and continuations in part of such applications, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained on such invention or applications and any renewals, reissues, extensions or reexaminations thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration received by Assignor from Assignee, the receipt in full of which is hereby acknowledged,

1. Said Assignor hereby sells, assigns, transfers and conveys unto said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said '335 Patent together with the invention(s) disclosed therein, including each and every Letters Patent which is granted on any application for such invention and any application which is a division, substitution, continuation or continuation in part of such application and all associated rights under the International Convention. Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the above mentioned Assignee in accordance herewith.

The rights assigned include, without limit, the patents and applications listed in attached Appendix A and each and every renewal, reissue, extension or reexamination of said Letters Patent, any and all causes of action and rights of recovery for past or future infringements of said Letters Patent, and all of the rights vested in said Assignor herein by virtue of the instruments of assignment and/or by virtue of other instruments pursuant to which Assignor became vested with said ownership.

2. Said Assignor further sells, assigns, transfers and conveys unto said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to any foreign patents or patent applications and/or the rights to file the same, based on or corresponding to the '335 Patent.

3. Said Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to cooperate with Assignee whereby the latter may enjoy to the fullest extent the right, title and interest herein conveyed. Such cooperation shall include prompt execution of all papers prepared at the expense of Assignee that are deemed necessary or desirable by Assignee to perfect in it the right, title and interest herein conveyed.

4. Said Assignor hereby warrants and represents that it has not entered into any assignments, contracts or other understandings with third parties that would conflict with the rights herein granted.

5. The terms, covenants and provisions of this Assignment shall inure to the benefit of Assignee, its successors, assigns, and/or legal representatives, and shall be binding upon said Assignor, its successors, assigns and/or other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Steve VanRoekel, has executed and delivered this instrument this 31st day of May, 2002.

Hubbard Feeds Inc.

By Steve VanRoekel  
Name: Steve VanRoekel  
Its: VP/General Manager

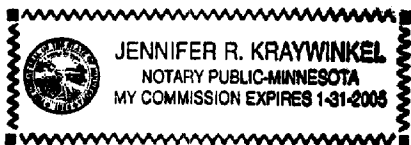
STATE OF Minnesota )

) ss.

COUNTY OF Blue Earth )

On this 31st day of May, 2002, before me personally appeared Steve VanRoekel known to me to be the VP, Gen. Mgr. of the Assignor-corporation described in the foregoing assignment and also known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing assignment on behalf of corporation therein named, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

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Jennifer R. Kraywinkel  
Notary Public

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Robert Frost, has accepted and received this instrument this 31st day of May, 2002.

Ridley Block Operations, Inc.

By Robert Frost  
Name: Robert Frost  
Its: VP/General Manager

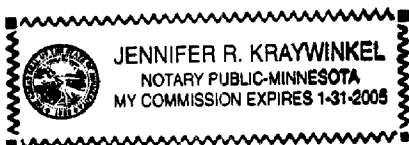
STATE OF Minnesota )

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On this 31st day of May, 2002, before me personally appeared Robert Frost, known to me to be the VP, Gen. Mgr. of the Assignee-corporation described in the foregoing assignment and also known to me to be the person who accepted the foregoing assignment on behalf of corporation therein named, and acknowledged to me that such corporation accepted the same.

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Jennifer R. Kraywinkel  
Notary Public

## APPENDIX A

### Assignment Of Patents and Patent Applications From Hubbard Feeds, Inc. To Ridley Block Operations, Inc.

State/Country	Title	Patent/Application No.
United States	Solid Nutritional Foods and Methods of Making the Same	Patent No. 6,143,335
Australia	Solid Nutritional Foods and Methods of Making the Same	Application No. 45094
Canada	Solid Nutritional Foods and Methods of Making the Same	Application No. 2296172
Europe	Solid Nutritional Foods and Methods of Making the Same	Application No. 00870156.7