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For: U.S. Application  
By: Inventors

**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION**

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNORS of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

**ASSIGNORS:**

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hereby sell, assign and transfer to

**ASSIGNEE:**

Doskocil Manufacturing Company, Inc.  
4209 Barnett  
Arlington, TX 76017

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest for the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

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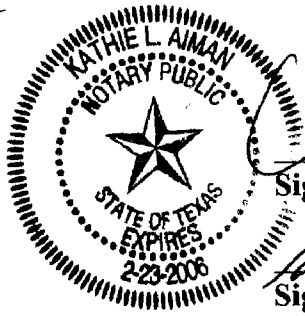
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 2002.

Date: 8-15-02

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Melanie Northrop  
Signature of Melanie Northrop

Scott A. Skurdalsvold  
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Before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2002, personally appeared the above named individuals, to me known to be the persons who are described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

Kathie L. Aiman  
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