

ASSIGNMENT

Serial No.: 09/584.008

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In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign to General Mills, Inc. a corporation of Delaware hereinafter referred to as "Assignee", its successors, legal representatives and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to our invention or improvements in

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and in and to the application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, executed by us on or about the 5th day of June, 2000, and in and to any continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional and substitute applications therefor, and in and to any reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon any such applications.

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said Assignee.

For said consideration we hereby agree, upon request of said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, to execute any and all continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and make any rightful oath or supplemental oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon any such applications that said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns may deem necessary or expedient, and for said consideration we further agree upon the request of said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, in the event of said application or any continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional or substitute therefor, or Letters Patent issued thereon, or any reissue or application for the reissue thereof, becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of our ability with said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, and we hereby agree to perform, upon such request, any and all lawful affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made. And for said consideration we hereby assign to said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or improvements for any and all foreign countries including our rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and agree upon request of the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns to execute any and all documents that shall be required of us, to be executed in connection with any and all applications for foreign Letters Patent therefor, including the prosecution thereof, and to execute any and all documents necessary to invest title in said foreign applications and patents in said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

WITNESS our hands and seal on the date(s) indicated.

Inventor CURTIS J. DEERING

Curtis J. Deering 6/1/00
Signature Date

Inventor GORDON H. MEIER

Gordon H. Meier 6/1/00
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Inventor SARAH J. MOBERG

Inventor PATRICK J. SUMPAMANN

Patrick J. Sumpmann 5-31-00
Signature Date

State of Minnesota)

County of Hennepin)

ss.

On this 1st day of June, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared CURTIS J. DEERING; GORDON H. MEIER; SARAH J. MOBERG; PATRICK J. SUMPAMANN; to me personally known to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed said instrument as their free and voluntary act and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

ESS my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

Kathleen Lee

Notary Public



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Inventor GORDON H. MEIER

Inventor SARAH J. MOBERG

Signature Date
Sarah J. Moberg 6/5/00

Signature Date

Inventor PATRICK J. SUMPMMANN

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SEE ATTACHMENT
Notary Public

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of CALIFORNIA

County of San Joaquin

On 4-5-2000 before me, David A. Derus, Notary Public
Date Name and Title of Officer (e.g., "Jane Doe, Notary Public")

personally appeared SARAH JANE Moberg
Name(s) of Signer(s)

personally known to me proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s)

whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within Instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



WITNESS my hand and official seal.

David A. Derus
Signature of Notary Public

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