ASSIGNMENT

I, **Márcio Roberto THIESSEN**, a citizen of Brazil, residing at: Rua Albatróz, 416, CEP-89220-600, Joinville, SC, Brazil, hereinbelow called the "Assignor", have made a certain invention in:

AN IMPROVEMENT IN A REFRIGERATION APPLIANCE

for which an international application designating the U.S. was filed on October 26, 2000, under International Application No. PCT/BR00/00118; and

WHEREAS, EMPRESA BRASILEIRA DE COMPRESSORES S.A. - EMBRACO, a corporation organized and existing under and by the laws of Brazil, having a place of business at Rua Rui Barbosa, 1020, CEP-89219-901, Joinville, SC, 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 me in hand paid by the said Assignee, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, I, 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 my 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;

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and completely as the same might be held by me had this sale and assignment not been made.

For the consideration aforesaid, I hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, that whenever its counsel or representative, or the counsel or representative of its successors or assigns, shall advise that an amendment to, or a division of, or any other proceeding or action in connection with said application or invention, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that a reissue or continuation or extension of said Letters Patent is lawful and desirable, I will sign all papers and drawings, take all rightful oaths and affidavits, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement of valid Letters Patent for said invention, or for the reissue or continuation or extension of the same, will do all acts necessary or required to secure the said Assignee, its successors, and assigns, the title to and full benefit of all rights hereby assigned, without charge to said Assignee or its successors or assigns, but at its or their expense;

PATENT REEL: 013291 FRAME: 0319 AND the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is requested to issue the said Letters Patent, when granted, in accordance with this sale and assignment.

Dated: <u>64/41/62</u>

Márcio Roberto THIESSEN, Inventor

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