

PATENT ASSIGNMENT

SUBMISSION TYPE: NEW ASSIGNMENT

NATURE OF CONVEYANCE: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR'S INTEREST

CONVEYING PARTY DATA

Name: NPPC Services, Inc.

Execution Date: 10/23/2002

RECEIVING PARTY DATA

Name: Nestec, Ltd.

Street Address: Avenue Nestle 55

Internal Address:

City: CH-1800, Vevey

State:

Country: SWITZERLAND

Postal Code:

PROPERTY NUMBERS

Application Number: 29109949

Number of Properties: 1

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CUSTOMER NUMBER: 023645

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING: Patrick W. Rasche

DATE SIGNED: 01/28/2003

Total Attachments: 2

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, NPPC Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation with a mailing address of Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, Missouri 63164 (hereinafter "Assignor") desires to convey certain Intellectual Property to Nestec, Ltd., a Swiss corporation (hereinafter "Assignee"); and

WHEREAS, Assignee desires to acquire such Intellectual Property from Assignor.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

Assignor hereby sells, transfers, conveys and assigns to Assignee all of its right, title and interest in the patents and patent applications listed on the attached Schedule A, including the right to sue for past infringement and collect for past damages and all continuations, divisions or reissues, and Assignor does hereby authorize and request the U. S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and any other governmental agency to issue, in accordance with this Assignment, any and all Letters Patent that may be granted on said applications.

This Assignment is effective July 1, 2002.

NPPC SERVICES, INC.

By: *Kevin Berryman*
Kevin Berryman, President

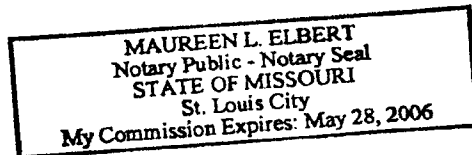
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS)

On this 23rd day of October 2002, before me appeared KEVIN BERRYMAN, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn did say that he is the President of NPPC SERVICES, INC., a corporation of the State of Delaware, and that said instrument was signed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and said KEVIN BERRYMAN acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

Maureen L. Elbert
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



SCHEDULE - A

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