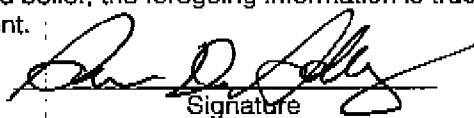
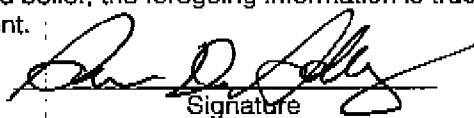
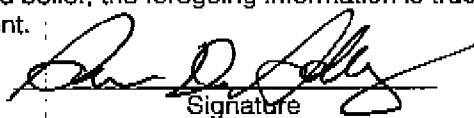


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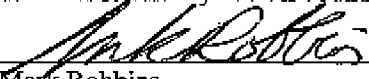
WHEREAS, I, Mark Robbins, residing at 848 Sherman Street, Sturgis, South Dakota, 57785, and I Kenneth Swanson, residing at 109 Hosanna Court, Mankato, MN 56001, have invented certain new and useful improvements as described in an application entitled **Supplement for Maintaining Rumen Health in Ruminants** for Letters Patent of the United States, the application being identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. 10/421,295, filed April 23, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ridley Block Operations, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having offices at 424 North Riverfront Drive, Mankato, MN 56002-8500, ("Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the application, and any and all Letters Patent or similar legal protection, foreign or domestic, to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, I transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, my entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention, the above-identified patent application, corresponding domestic applications (including divisionals, continuations, and continuations-in-part), corresponding foreign applications, all Letters Patent or similar legal protection issuing thereon, and all rights and benefits under any applicable treaty or convention; and I authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States or foreign equivalent thereof to issue the Letters Patent or similar legal protection to the Assignee.

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