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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, James A. Lindsey, a U.S. citizen, residing at Florence, South Carolina; Daniel A. Allen, Jr., a U.S. citizen, residing at Florence, South Carolina; and Jonathan W. Skelley, a U.S. citizen, residing at Florence, South Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in METHOD OF AUTOMATIC DEBRIS SEPARATION, for which an application for a United States patent is being filed concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, WELLMAN, INC., a Delaware corporation (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), having a principal place of business at Shrewsbury, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, has acquired the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent that shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred, and conveyed unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, in and to said application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations—in—part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof that may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right

PATENT REEL: 013785 FRAME: 0452 to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with international treaties and conventions, the same to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if an assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby request that Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment, but acknowledge that said ASSIGNEE has the sole right to determine patent prosecution strategies with respect to said invention and said application.

We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess legal title to said invention and said application, and that we have the right and authority to make this agreement. We acknowledge, however, that at the time the invention was made, the invention was subject to an obligation of assignment to said ASSIGNEE.

We further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, promptly to communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers, including but not limited to, declarations and assignments, that may be requested to confirm the right of said ASSIGNEE, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for said invention in all countries and to vest

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in said ASSIGNEE complete title to said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name on the day and year set forth below.

Executed this 10 day of February, 2000.

James A. LINDSEY

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF Florence

Before me personally appeared said JAMES A. LINDSEY, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this 10 day of

My Commission Expires Sept. 1, 2010 $_{\rm E-A-L}$ My commission expires:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name on
the day and year set forth below.
Executed this 10 day of FEB , 2003.
Daniel a. Allen, Jr.
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF FLORENCE
Before me personally appeared said DANIEL A. ALLEN,
JR., and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his
free act and deed this U day of $\exists elv$, 2003.
Hearl M. Dorden Notary Public

My Commission expires: ______ E A L

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name on the day and year set forth below.

Executed this 10 day of FEB. , 2003.

JONATHAN W. SKELLEY

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF FLORENCE

Before me personally appeared said JONATHAN W.

SKELLEY, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this // day of // 200

Notary Public

My commission expires: My Commission Expires Sept. 1, 20, S E A L

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