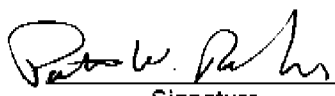


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Name: Martineau, Brigitte

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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, of which we acknowledge receipt, we, **Bhajmohan (Ricky) Singh** of 712 E. Madison Street, St. Louis, MO 63122, **Diane S. Kalishman** of 21 Rio Vista Drive, St. Louis, MO 63124, **Monique Nielsen** of 4260 Salem School, St. Louis, MO 63129, **Bryan Wilson Badger** of 24 Wildwood Lane, Kirkwood, MO 63122, **Brigitte Martineau** of 712 East Madison, St. Louis, MO 63122, and **Robert Carvalho** of 552 Wetherby Terrace Drive, Ballwin, MO 63020, sell and assign to Ralston Purina Company, a Missouri Corporation, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements in **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR CUSTOMIZING PET FOOD** invented by us, as described in the application for United States patent filed June 15, 2001, (S.N. ~~09/882,389~~), and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said Ralston Purina Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, we will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

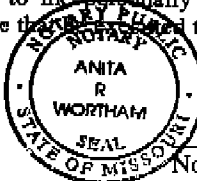
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Sept 14th, 2001

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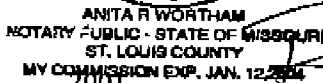
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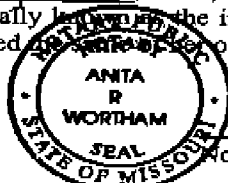
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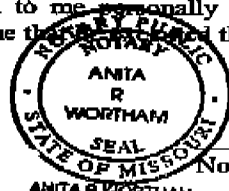
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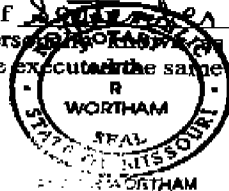
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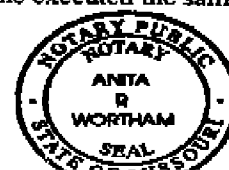


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