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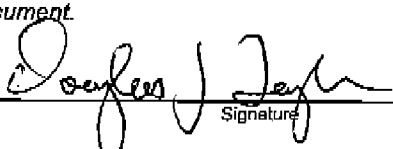
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# ASSIGNMENT

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For consideration already received, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, VL Technologies, Inc. ("VL") a corporation of Delaware, hereby assigns to General Mills, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee", its successors, legal representatives and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention or improvements in

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and in and to the application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, and in and to any continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional and substitute applications therefor, and in and to any reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon any such applications.

VL hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said Assignee.

For said consideration, VL hereby agrees, upon request of said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, to execute any and all continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and make any rightful oath or supplemental oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon any such applications that said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns may deem necessary or expedient, and for said consideration, VL further agrees upon the request of said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, in the event of said application or any continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional or substitute therefor, or Letters Patent issued thereon, or any reissue or application for the reissue thereof, becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of my ability with said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, and VL hereby agrees to perform, upon such request, any and all lawful affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by VL if this assignment and sale had not been made. And for said consideration, VL hereby assigns to said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or improvements for any and all foreign countries including VL's rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and agrees upon request of the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns to execute any and all documents that shall be required of VL, to be executed in connection with any and all applications for foreign Letters Patent therefor, including the prosecution thereof, and to execute any and all documents necessary to invest title in said foreign applications and patents in said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

WITNESS VL's hand and seal on the date(s) indicated.

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VL Technologies, Inc.  
Bernhard H. van Lengerich - President

Bernhard H. van Lengerich  
Signature Date  
10/23/03

State of Minnesota )  
County of Hennepin ) ss.

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2003, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Bernhard H. van Lengerich of VL Technologies, Inc. to me personally known to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

Brenda K. Popp  
Notary Public

