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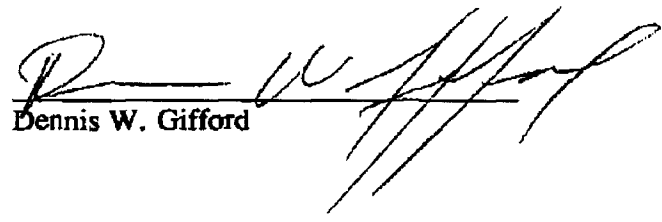
WHEREAS, DENNIS W. GIFFORD, an individual residing at 3241 Hillsdale Drive, West Valley City, Utah 84119 ("Gifford") is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 4,933,411, for PROCESS FOR VACUUM PACKAGING FOOD PRODUCTS, issued June 12, 1990, in the name of Dennis W. Gifford, together with predecessor applications from which priority is claimed by any the foregoing patent and patent applications under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 120 and all reissues, reexaminations, extensions thereof and any division, continuation, continued prosecution application or continuation-in-part application thereof, any patents issuing thereon, and all corresponding foreign patents heretofore or hereafter issued, and

WHEREAS, MIKAMI BROTHERS, an Oregon Limited Partnership, having a principal place of business at P.O. Box 780, Hermiston, Oregon 97838, ("Mikami") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention within the United States of America and its territorial possessions and within the countries foreign to the United States of America and any United States or foreign Letters Patents that are presently granted or that may be granted therefor, and in and to said U.S. Letters Patents;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid by Mikami to Gifford, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Gifford has sold, assigned, and transferred and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto Mikami the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention within the United States of America and its territorial possessions and within all countries foreign to the United States and in and to any United States or foreign Letters Patent that are presently granted or that may be granted therefor and in and to the U.S. Letters Patents as described, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, extensions or continued prosecution application thereof and in and to any Letters Patent that is presently granted or that may be granted thereon, all said rights to be held and enjoyed by Mikami for its own use and enjoyment and for the use and enjoyment of its successors and assigns to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patents may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Gifford, if this assignment, transfer, and sale had not been made.

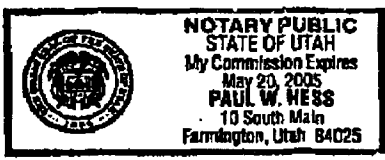
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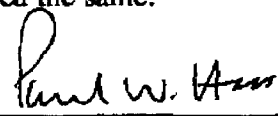
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Dennis W. Gifford

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On this 21 day of May, 2003, before me personally appeared  
Dennis W. Gifford, personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to on  
this instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same.



  
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