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A S S I G N M E N T

In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assigns to TOWNSEND ENGINEERING COMPANY, an Iowa corporation, having an address of 2425 Hubbell Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50317, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 10/682,473, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the 9th day of October, 2003, entitled METHOD AND MEANS FOR ENCASING SAUSAGE, and in said application any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent, applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said TOWNSEND ENGINEERING COMPANY.

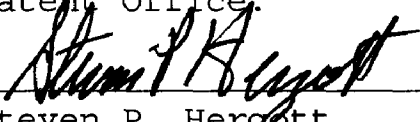
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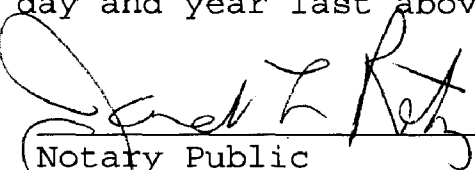


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On this 7 day of October, 2003, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Steven P. Hergott, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

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