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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, Brent K. Pope, Jerry D. Millican, and Timothy Glen Vande Giessen (below referred to as ASSIGNORS, residing, respectively, as set forth hereinafter, have made an invention for which application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Application Serial No. 9/834,572 filed April 13, 2001 naming the ASSIGNORS as an inventor, and entitled **Composition Process and Apparatus**; and

WHEREAS, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America and having its principal office and place of business at 400 Southwest 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Topeka, Kansas 66603, and offices and place of business at 1035 Northeast 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Topeka, Kansas 66617 (below referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention and patent application and corresponding patent rights worldwide:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to ASSIGNEE, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention, the aforesaid U.S. and all corresponding foreign patent applications, all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and reexamination applications of the aforesaid U.S. application, and all Letters Patent or comparable rights issuing thereon in the United States and in all foreign countries, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and the ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and all foreign Patent Offices to issue all Letters Patent or comparable rights issuing on any application as aforesaid to ASSIGNEE, or to its successors, assigns or legal representatives;


ASSIGNORS hereby covenant that ASSIGNORS have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that ASSIGNORS have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith;

ASSIGNORS agree to communicate to ASSIGNEE or to its successors, assigns or legal representatives any and all facts known to them or any of them respecting said invention, and without further remuneration to testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and reexamination applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do all lawful acts to aid ASSIGNEE or its successors, assigns or legal representatives to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries and to enhance or perfect ASSIGNEE's title in and to the invention and patent rights therein.

ASSIGNORS hereby authorize attorneys for ASSIGNEE to enter on this document any applicable serial numbers and filing dates after ASSIGNORS' execution of this document.

This Assignment is effective as of April 13, 2001.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 13 day of  
May 2002.

  
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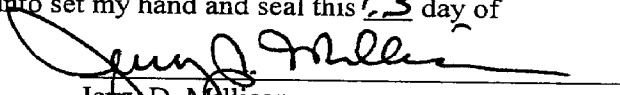
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On this 13 day of May 2002, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared the above signatory, known to me to be the person of that name, who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence.

  
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 13 day of  
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Jerry D. Mullican  
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 13 day of

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Timothy Glen Vande Giessen

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