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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, **Jonathan M. Katz**, of Solon, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio; **Richard D. Boozer**, of Wakeman, County of Huron, and State of Ohio; **Stephen P. Rukavina**, of Bedford Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio; **Jim Lachendro**, of Fairview Park, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio; and **Robert M. Ulanski**, of Broadview Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio have invented a new, original and ornamental design for a **SAFETY SHIELD FOR AN ICE SHAVER BIN**, for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, **Vita-Mix Corporation**, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Ohio and having its principal office and place of business at 8615 Usher Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44138, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in, to and under any application directed thereto and any Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries which may be obtained therefor:

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

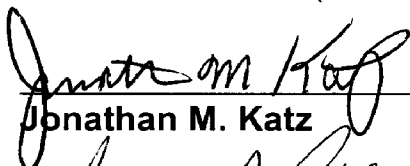
BE IT KNOWN that in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration received by us from Vita-Mix Corporation, aforesaid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said Jonathan M. Katz, Richard D. Boozer, Stephen P. Rukavina, Jim Lachendro and Robert M. Ulanski, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over unto Vita-Mix Corporation, aforesaid, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and all foreign countries and in, to and under the application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, executed by us on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004, and in, to and under any reissue, divisional, continuing or substitute application thereof or any corresponding application filed in a foreign country, and in, to and under any Letters Patent that may be issued for said invention in the United States or in any foreign country; and we do hereby covenant and agree for ourselves and our legal representatives to assist our said assignee in the prosecution of the said application or

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applications and in any interference or litigation which may arise involving our said invention or the said patent or patents, and to execute any reissue application thereon, or any divisional, continuing, substitute, or foreign application based on or corresponding to the above specifically identified application, as may be requested by our said assignee, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States upon the above specifically identified application for said invention to Vita-Mix Corporation, aforesaid, as assignee of our entire right, title and interest in and to the same for the sole use and behoof of our assignee, its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this

13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

  
Jonathan M. Katz

  
Richard D. Boozer

  
Stephen P. Rukavina

  
Jim Lachendro

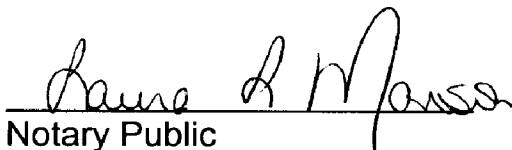
  
Robert M. Ulanski

STATE OF OHIO )  
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA )ss  
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I, Laura L. Manson, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Jonathan M. Katz, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

LAURA L. MANSON  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
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Notary Public

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STATE OF OHIO )  
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA )ss  
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I, Laura L. Manson, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Richard D. Boozer, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

Laura L. Manson  
Notary Public

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Notary Public, State of Ohio  
Recorded in Cuyahoga Co.  
My Commission Expires 10-

STATE OF OHIO )  
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA )ss  
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I, Laura L. Manson, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Stephen P. Rukavina, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

Laura L. Manson  
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STATE OF OHIO )  
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA )ss  
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I, Laura L. Manson a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Jim Lachendro, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

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COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA )ss  
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I, Laura L. Manson a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Robert M. Ulanski, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

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