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WHEREAS, ALEXANDER WINKER of AHORNWEG 11,78549 SPAICHINGEN, GERMANY, (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), has invented and owns a certain invention entitled: NUT AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME which was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/EP03/04724 on May 6, 2003 and has been assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/486,626.

WHEREAS: METALLWARENFABRIK HERMANN WINKER GMBH & CO. KG. a business organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Germany having a principal place of business at Dellinger Weg 1, D-78549 Spaichingen, Germany (hereafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and application and in, to and under said Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal this 2 day of 2004. Museade Winker
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