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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, **N.V. Techno-Food** (hereinafter referred to as Assignor), with its principal place of business at **Astridlaan 20, 8760 Meulebeke, Belgium**, represents and warrants that it is the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest to certain new and useful improvements in a **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SLICING A NUMBER OF ARTICLES INTO A PLURALITY OF UNIFORM THIN SLICES IN A SINGLE OPERATION** for which a United States application for Letters Patents was filed as on **March 8, 2002** as Application No. **10/096,522** and was amended on **October 15, 2003** and **February 23, 2004**.

AND WHEREAS, **nv Verhaeghe-Decock** (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), with its principal place of business at **Tieltsteenweg 38, B-8780, Oostrozebeke, Belgium**, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements with respect to the United States of America, its territories and possessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby acknowledges that it has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in the United States of America, and its territories and possessions in, to and under said improvements, and any Patent Applications in the United States of America and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States of America which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions; and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue all Patents for said improvements to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.