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WHEREAS, the following parties:

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hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, has/have invented certain new and useful improvements ("invention(s)") as described and set forth in the below-identified utility application for United States Letters Patent entitled:

**CATALYTIC CONVERTER FOR FOOD COOKING APPLIANCES**

which was:

- ☐ executed on even date herewith,  
☒ filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on February 27, 2004, and assigned Serial No. , and  
☐ further described in U.S. Provisional application entitled , filed with the USPTO on , and assigned Serial No. .

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WHEREAS, **SEB S.A.**, having a place of business at Les 4 M, Chemin du Petit-Bois, F-69132 Ecully, France, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring ASSIGNOR'S interest in and to said invention(s), said utility application, said provisional application, and any U.S. and foreign patents which are related to the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by ASSIGNOR, ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned and transferred and does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, and ASSIGNEE'S successors and assigns, (a) the entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, in and to said invention(s), said utility application, and said Provisional application and all the rights and privileges in any application and under any and all patents that may be granted in the U.S. for said inventions, including all corresponding provisional, continuation, continuation in part, divisional, reissue, and reexamination applications; and (b) the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention(s), said utility application, and said provisional application for all countries foreign to the U.S., including all rights of priority arising from them, and all the rights and privileges under any and all forms of protection, including patents, that may be granted in said countries foreign to the U.S. for them.

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ASSIGNOR hereby acknowledges a preexisting obligation for this assignment to ASSIGNEE and for the assignment of all related subject matter arising before the making of the invention and improvements disclosed and described in the patent applications.



**Jean-Marc Payen**

Date: 24 Mai 2004



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Date: 24 Mai 2004

ANNE-MARIE SCUBLA