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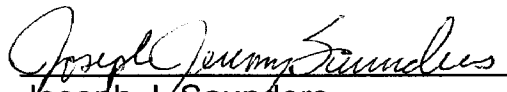
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In consideration of good and valuable consideration, of which we acknowledge receipt, we, **Rafe T. Williams**, a citizen of the United States, residing at **3021 Bethewick Court, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604**; **Joseph J. Saunders**, a citizen of the United States, residing at **78 Sol Pond Lane, Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina 27526**; **Phillip D. Knott**, a citizen of the United States, residing at **6920 Landingham Drive, Willow Spring, North Carolina 27592**; and **Robert Van Murray**, a citizen of the United States, residing at **6667 Cokesbury Road, Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, 27526**, assign to **Middleby Marshall, Inc.**, a Delaware Corporation (the Company) having its principal place of business at 1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois, 60120, its successors and assigns the entire right, title, and interest in and to the improvements in a **NATURAL CONVECTION STEAM COOKING DEVICE**, invented by us, as described in the application for United States patent executed concurrently herewith, and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patents on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said Company or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of the Company, we will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the improvements in all countries.

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