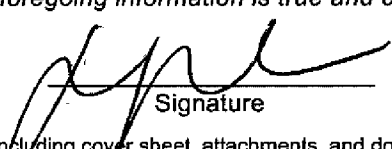


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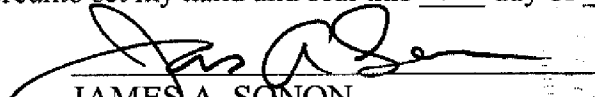
ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **James A. Sonon**, of the City of Cincinnati, and State of Ohio, **Alex W. Myers**, of the City of Decatur, and State of Indiana, and **Gary Van Hoagland**, of the City of Ft. Wayne, and State of Indiana, invented certain new and useful STORAGE SYSTEM AND METHOD (Docket No. 058420-016) for which I/we executed an application for letters patent of the United States;

AND WHEREAS, **The Kroger Co.**, a corporation of the State of Ohio with a place of business at 1014 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, hereinafter called the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions therein disclosed and any letters patent that may issue thereon;

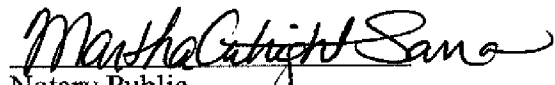
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I/we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, any application claiming priority therefrom, any non-provisionals, divisions or continuations thereof, and the inventions therein disclosed, and any improvements thereon, and any patent or patents that may be issued or reissued thereon, and I/we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent thereon, and reissues thereof, to said Assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we hereby authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to file in its own name applications for patent in foreign countries in connection with the inventions hereby transferred, under the International Convention claiming the priority of said United States application or otherwise, and to secure in its own name the patent or patents issued thereon; and I/we hereby agree that, upon request, I/we will sign all papers, and make all rightful oaths, and do all acts which said Assignee, its successors or assigns, may consider necessary in connection with said United States application, and in connection with any other United States or foreign applications that may be filed in connection with said inventions, and with any improvements thereon, and in connection with any patents issued or reissued thereon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 11 day of May, 2005.

  
JAMES A. SONON

STATE OF Ohio  
COUNTY OF Hamilton ) ss

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005, before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named, **James A. Sonon**, personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.

  
Notary Public

MARTHA CUTRIGHT SARRA, Attorney at Law  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission has no expiration date  
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 18 day of April, 2005.

Alex W. Myers  
ALEX W. MYERS

STATE OF Indiana)  
COUNTY OF Wells) ss

On this 18 day of April, 2005, before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named, **Alex W. Myers**, personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.

Lisa C. Small  
Notary Public Lisa C Small

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 18 day of April, 2005.

Gary Van Hoagland  
GARY VAN HOAGLAND

STATE OF Indiana)  
COUNTY OF Wells) ss

On this 18 day of April, 2005, before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named, **Gary Van Hoagland**, personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.

Lisa C. Small  
Notary Public Lisa C. Small  
my commission Expires:  
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