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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, Jeffrey Peterson, residing at 256 Cove Lane, Hudson, WI 54016, Robert May, residing at 17870 Irons Court, Lakeville, MN 55044, Dan Flesher, residing at 11920-21st Street North, Lake Elmo, MN 55042, John Rolando, residing at 3837 Kentwood Lane, Woodbury, MN 55125, Ed Sowle, residing at 3405 Rae Lane, Woodbury, MN 55125, Steven Lentsch, residing at 21 Orme Court, St. Paul, MN 55116, and Ronald Howes, Jr., residing at 5308 Grand Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419, and made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which we filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States on October 31, 2003, which is entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INSTALLATION AND CONTROL OF A UTILITY DEVICE and identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as U.S. Application Serial No. 10/699,531;

AND WHEREAS, Ecolab Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having an office and place of business at 840 Sibley Memorial Highway, Mendota Heights, MN 55118 (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements and application and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest for all countries in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the application, all divisions, continuations, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and in and to any and all applications which have been or shall be filed in any foreign countries for Letters Patent on the inventions and improvements, including an assignment of all rights under the provisions of the International Convention, and all Letters Patent of foreign countries which may be granted therefrom; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid inventions and improvements to the Assignee as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use of the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

AND, for the consideration aforesaid, we do hereby agree that we and our executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing including any

and all further application papers, affidavits, assignments and other documents, and will communicate to said Assignee, its successors and representatives all facts known to us relating to said improvements and the history thereof and will testify in all legal proceedings and generally do all things which may be necessary or desirable more effectually to secure to and vest in said Assignee, its successors or assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements, inventions, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned and conveyed, or intended so to be.

AND, furthermore we covenant and agree with said Assignee, its successors and assigns, that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by us and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by us.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey Peterson.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, before me personally appeared Jeffrey Peterson to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

[SEAL] \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert May

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, before me personally appeared Robert May to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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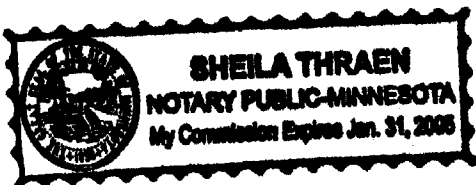
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*Dan Flesher*  
Dan Flesher

STATE OF Mn )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Ramsey )

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2004, before me personally appeared Dan Flesher to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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*Sheila Thraen*  
Notary Public



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Rolando

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, before me personally appeared John Rolando to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

[SEAL] \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ed Sowle

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, before me personally appeared Ed Sowle to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

[SEAL] \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Lentsch

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
   ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, before me personally appeared Steven Lentsch to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald Howes, Jr.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
   ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, before me personally appeared Ronald Howes, Jr. to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Notary Public

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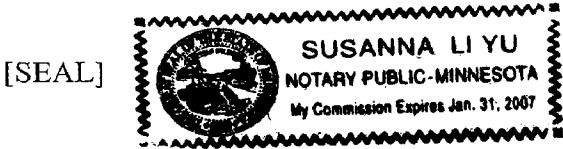


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2004.

Robert S. May  
Robert May

STATE OF Minnesota )  
COUNTY OF Dakota ) ss.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2004, before me personally appeared Robert May to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



[Signature]  
Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Flesher

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss.

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, before me personally appeared Dan Flesher to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of

MARCH, 2004.

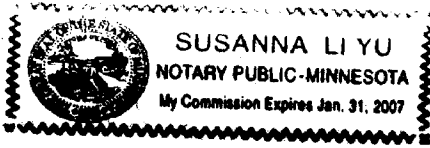
John Rolando

John Rolando

STATE OF Minnesota )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Dakota )

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2004, before me personally appeared John Rolando to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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[Signature]  
Notary Public

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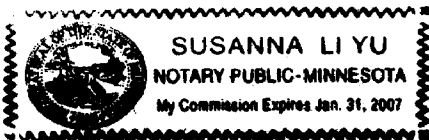
March, 2004.

Ed Sowle  
Ed Sowle

STATE OF Minnesota )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Dakota )

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2004, before me personally appeared Ed Sowle to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Notary Public

