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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Nestlé Purina PetCare Company, formerly known as Ralston Purina Company, a Missouri corporation, with its principal office located at Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, Missouri 63164 (hereinafter "Assignor") desires to convey certain Intellectual Property to NPPC Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (hereinafter "Assignee"); and

WHEREAS, Assignee desires to acquire such Intellectual Property from Assignor.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

Assignor hereby contributes, transfers, conveys and assigns to Assignee all of its right, title and interest in the patents and patent applications listed on the attached Schedule A, including the right to sue for past infringement and collect for past damages and all continuations, divisions or reissues, and Assignor does hereby authorize and request the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and any other governmental agency to issue, in accordance with this Assignment, any and all Letters Patent that may be granted on said application.

This Assignment is effective June 28, 2002.

NESTLÉ PURINA PETCARE COMPANY

By: W. P. McGinnis  
W. P. McGinnis, CEO & President

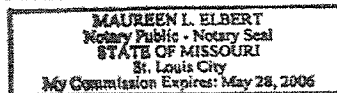
STATE OF MISSOURI     )  
                                  ) ss  
CITY OF ST. LOUIS     )

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2002, before me appeared W. P. MCGINNIS, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn did say that he is the CEO & President of NESTLÉ PURINA PETCARE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Missouri, and that said instrument was signed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and said W. P. MCGINNIS acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

Maureen L. Elbert  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



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