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ASSIGNMENT

I, identified below as "Inventor", have made certain new and useful improvements in an invention ("Invention"), as set forth in an application for United States Letters Patent executed or about to be executed by me or otherwise in which I am an inventor and bearing the following title and Attorney Docket No. and for which the Attorney of record is hereby authorized to insert the serial number and filing date when ascribed:

Title: **AQUARIUM FILTER CARTRIDGE ELEMENT**

Application Number: 29/278,645 Date: 04/05/2007 Atty. Docket No. 5260-00026
Customer No. 26753

For good and valuable consideration, I do hereby sell, assign, and transfer to Central Garden and Pet Company ("Assignee"), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California, and located and doing business at 1340 Treat Blvd., Walnut Creek, California 94597, and to its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, my entire right, title, and interest in and to the Invention and to all United States and foreign patent applications any of whose claims cover all or part of the Invention, to any prior or provisional application, including any application from which priority is claimed, together with all patents resulting from such applications including any continuations, divisions, reissues, re-examinations and extensions thereof and any applications claiming priority therefrom. Assignee shall hold such right, title, and interest as fully and completely as they would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

I agree, upon Assignee's request, to execute or assent to such United States and foreign patent applications and to execute all separate assignments and other legal documents that Assignee may find necessary or desirable in its exercise of the right, title, and interest assigned above. I also agree to communicate to Assignee any facts relating to the Invention or to any of the patent applications or patents contemplated above that may be useful to Assignee and to testify as to such facts in any interferences or in litigation, if requested to do so. I shall do all these things without additional compensation but at no expense to me.

I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue to Assignee, as the owner of my entire right, title, and interest therein, any Letters Patent of the United States that may be issued for the Invention.

Inventor: Brad L. Muhl Date: 3/29/07
(Signature)

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State of WISCONSIN)
County of MILWAUKEE) ss

On this 29 day of MARCH, 2007, before me personally appeared said Brad L. Muhlbauer, known to me to be the person who executed the above instrument and acknowledged to me that he or she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

SEAL Doreen Elderson
Notary Public
My Commission expires: 10/11/09

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Inventor: *[Signature]* Date: 04/20/2007
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County of ITALY) ss

On this 20th day of April, 2007, before me personally appeared said Giacomo Guoli, known to me to be the person who executed the above instrument and acknowledged to me that he or she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

SEAL

Notary Public
My Commission expires: _____

WITNESSES
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NADIA BERTOLO
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State of _____)
County of ITALY) ss

On this 20th day of April, 2007, before me personally appeared said Fabio Bellia, known to me to be the person who executed the above instrument and acknowledged to me that he or she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Notary Public
My Commission expires: _____

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