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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, John K. Buckles, residing at 1105 26th Street SW, Austin, Minnesota 55912, John T. Hays, residing at 809 5th Street NW, Austin, Minnesota 55912, Mark Oberbroeckling, residing at 2702 6th Avenue SW, Austin, Minnesota 55912 and Gary D. Westland, residing at 82120 165 Street, Glenville, Minnesota 56036, made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which we filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on January 30, 2009, application Serial No. 12/363,173 which is entitled LOIN BACK-RIB AUTO-SAW.

AND WHEREAS, HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office and place of business at 1 Hormel Place, Austin, Minnesota 55912 (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 consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, 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 10 day of February, 2009.

John K. Buckles
John K. Buckles

STATE OF Minnesota)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Mower)

On this 10th day of February, 2009, before me personally appeared John K. Buckles 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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Kristin R. Newton
Notary Public



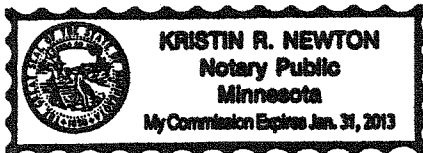
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of February, 2009.

John T. Hays
John T. Hays

STATE OF Minnesota)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Mower)

On this 10th day of February, 2009, before me personally appeared John T. Hays 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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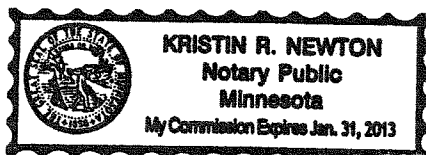
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17 day of February, 2009.

Mark Oberbroeckling
Mark Oberbroeckling

STATE OF Minnesota)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Mower)

On this 17th day of February, 2009, before me personally appeared Mark Oberbroeckling 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]



Kristin R. Newton
Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10 day of
Feb 10, 2009.




Gary D. Westland

STATE OF Minnesota)
) ss.
COUNTY OF mower)

On this 10th day of February, 2009, before me personally appeared Gary D. Westland 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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