

PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Melaney Northrop, residing at 216 Bluebonnet Trail, Mansfield, Texas 76063 and Michael D. Harper, residing at 8605 Lake Country Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76179 (hereinafter individually and collectively the "Assignor"), have invented certain new and useful systems, devices, and methods disclosed and described in a utility patent application titled "Animal Bowl with Spill-Resistant Rim," which can be identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") by Application No. 13/082,297, filed on April 7, 2011 (the "Patent Application") with attorney docket no. P215960.US.02; and

WHEREAS, Assignor desires to assign any and all right, title and interest to said Patent Application, and any provisional, non-provisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, international, foreign, regional and convention applications corresponding thereto, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and countries and regions foreign thereto which may grant or have granted thereto or be lodged in relation thereto, any reissue or reexamination thereof or to be obtained therefor, any renewals, or substitutes thereof, and in and to any and all priority rights or priority claims, International Convention rights, any and all rights to collect past damages for infringement of any and all Letters Patent of the United States and countries and regions foreign thereto which may be published, which may grant, or have granted thereto or be lodged in relation thereto, and other benefits accruing to or to accrue to Assignor with respect to the filing of applications for patents or securing of patents in the United States and countries foreign thereto (the "Patent Rights");

WHEREAS, Dorskocil Manufacturing Company, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, and having its principal place of business at 4209 Barnett Boulevard, Arlington, Texas 76017 (the "Assignee"), desires to acquire any and all, right, title, and interest of Assignor in and to the invention(s), the Patent Rights, and in, to, and under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration to me in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned, and transfer and by these presents does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the said Assignee, and said Assignee's legal representatives, successors and assigns, any and all of the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, Patent Rights, and any and all Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, the Assignor hereby covenants and agrees with the said Assignee that it will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that it will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the said Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said Assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, provisionals, non-provisionals, continuations, continuations-in-part, continuing prosecutions, divisionals, renewals, reissues, reexamined or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or of any and all foreign countries, on said Patent Rights, and execute confirmatory assignments or acknowledgments of this assignment as necessary for full enjoyment of the Patent Rights and for recording in foreign patent offices, and in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such Patent Rights, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such Patent Rights, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and

agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of both parties;

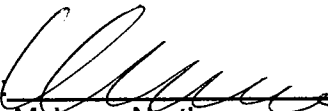
UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, Assignor represents and warrants that Assignor has the right, title, and authority to execute this Assignment and to convey any and all right, title, and interest in the Patent Rights, and that Assignor has not conveyed nor will convey hereafter all or part of the Patent Rights to a third party;

ASSIGNOR HEREBY AUTHORIZES said Assignee, its successors, and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent in the U.S. and any and all foreign countries and regions, in its own name if desired, and additionally to claim priority to the filing date of the Patent Application and otherwise take advantage of the provisions of any international conventions.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY AUTHORIZES Assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to insert in this instrument the application number, filing date, and title of the Patent Application once known.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Assignor hereunto has executed this Assignment upon the date indicated below.

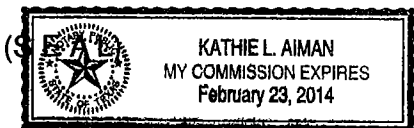
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By 
Melaney Northrop

STATE OF Texas

COUNTY OF Tarrant ss.

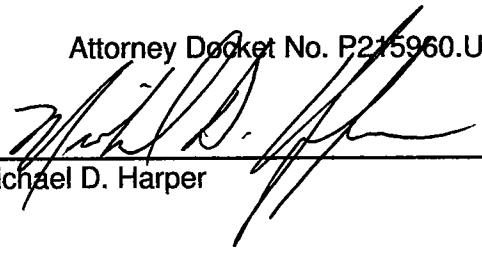
On this 8th day of April, 2011, before me a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared Melaney Northrop who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the same instrument as a free and voluntary act for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.




Notary Public

My commission expires: 2-23-14


Date: _____

By: 
Michael D. Harper

STATE OF Texas)
COUNTY OF Tarrant) ss.

On this 8th day of April, 2011, before me a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared Michael D. Harper who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the same instrument as a free and voluntary act for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

(SEAL)


Notary Public

My commission expires: 2-23-14.

ACCEPTANCE OF ASSIGNMENT

The Assignee hereby acknowledges and accepts the foregoing assignment of rights by Assignor.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignee, by its undersigned officer, confirms its acceptance on the date and in the place set forth below.

Doskocil Manufacturing Company, Inc.

Date: 4-8-11

By: [Signature]
Name: TOM ZELEWSKI
Title: VP FINANCE

STATE OF Texas)
COUNTY OF Johnson) ss.

On this 8 day of April, 2011, before me a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared Tom Zelewski, the above-mentioned representative of the Assignee, Doskocil Manufacturing Company, Inc., who executed the foregoing patent Assignment, and represented and acknowledged that he/she had the requisite corporate authority to execute and accept this patent Assignment and the same was executed as a free act and deed.



Sheleese Marie Holland
Notary Public

My commission expires: 8-2-14