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## PATENT AND INVENTION ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned:

**Kenneth Hignight**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at  
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**Debra Hignight**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at  
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(hereinafter collectively referred to as "**Assignors**") have invented certain inventions and improvements disclosed in a non-provisional application for Letters Patent entitled **MULCH PRODUCT**, which application is being filed simultaneously herewith in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

WHEREAS, it is agreed that **CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY**, a Corporation of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600, Walnut Creek, California 94597, is entitled to or is desirous of acquiring all right, title and interest related to the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, **Assignors**, by these presents, do sell, assign and transfer unto **CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY**, the full, exclusive and entire right, title and interest: (i) in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed and described in said application, (ii) in and to said application, (iii) in and to all divisional, continuation, and continuation-in-part applications describing in whole or in part the said inventions and improvements, preparatory to obtaining Patents of the United States therefor, (iv) in and to all patents of the United States which may be granted on the foregoing and all reissues and extensions thereof, (v) in and to any provisional patent applications filed in the United States describing in whole or in part the said inventions and improvements, from which priority has been or may be claimed under Title 35 of the United States Code, and (vi) in and to the right to claim any applicable foreign and domestic priority rights arising from any of the afore-mentioned patent applications; and **Assignors** do hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Patents of the United States resulting from said application, or from a division, continuation, continuation-in-part, or reissue thereof, to **CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY** as Assignee, for its interest and for the sole use and behoof of **CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY** and its assigns and legal representatives;

For the same consideration, **Assignors**, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to **CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY** the full, exclusive and entire right, title and interest: in and to any and all applications for industrial property protection, including without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs, (the "Foreign Applications") filed or which are hereafter filed in countries foreign to the United States and describing in whole or in part the said

inventions and improvements, in and to any Patents and similar protective rights granted on said Foreign Applications, and in and to the right to file such applications and the right to claim any applicable priority rights arising from or required for said Foreign Applications under the terms of any applicable conventions, treaties, statutes, or regulations; said Foreign Applications to be filed and issued in the name of **CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY** or its respective designees, insofar as permitted by applicable law;

AND, for the same consideration, Assignors agree to communicate to the said **CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to Assignors respecting said invention, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and other applications, make all assignments and rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid **CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY**, its successors, assigns, and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for all said inventions and improvements in all countries throughout the world; and

Assignors covenant with Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the undersigned.

1-9-2017  
Date

Kenneth Hignight  
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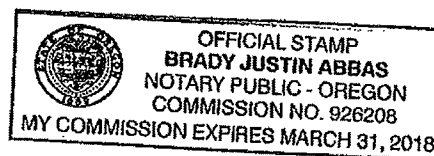
Before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, on this 9th day of January, 2017, personally appeared Kenneth Hignight, known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Patent and Invention Assignment, who being duly sworn acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said Patent and Invention Assignment as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal.

Brady Justin Abbas  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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My Commission Expires: March 31, 2018



STATE OF OREGON  
COUNTY OF Lincoln

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, on this 9th day of January, 2017, personally appeared Debra Hignight, known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Patent and Invention Assignment, who being duly sworn acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the said Patent and Invention Assignment as her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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