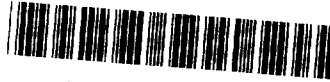


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Name  The NutraSweet Company

Formerly

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Name  Tabletop Acquisition Corp.

DBA/AKA/TA  a/k/a Merisant Co.

Composed of

Address (line 1)  Merchandise Mart

Address (line 2)  200 World Trade Center, Suite 900

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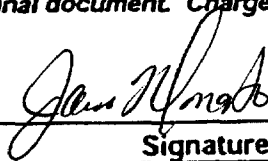
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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Charges to deposit account are authorized, as indicated herein.

James F. Donato

Name of Person Signing



Signature

5/18/2000

Date Signed

## ASSIGNMENT OF TRADEMARKS

**THIS ASSIGNMENT OF TRADEMARKS** is entered into this 17th day of March, 2000, by The NutraSweet Company, a Delaware corporation ("Assignor"), in favor of Tabletop Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation ("Assignee").

**WHEREAS**, Monsanto Company, Tablesweet, Inc., Searle Patients in Need Foundation and Assignee are parties to a certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of February 3, 2000 (the "Agreement"), pursuant to which Assignee has agreed to purchase the Business (as defined in the Agreement); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Agreement, Assignor desires to assign and transfer to Assignee all of its right, title and interest in and to the marks listed on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Marks") and Assignee is desirous of acquiring the same.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for the foregoing recited consideration and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor does hereby assign, sell and transfer to Assignee all of its right, title and interest in and to the Marks, together with the goodwill of the business symbolized by the Marks, the right to sue for past infringement thereof, the registration and application for registration therefor, and all the benefit of the Marks. Assignor does further consent to the recordation of this Assignment of Trademarks by Assignee with any governmental agency.

This Assignment of Trademarks shall be binding upon Assignor, its successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of Assignee and its successors and assigns.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Assignor has executed this Assignment of Trademarks as of the date first written above.

**THE NUTRASWEET COMPANY**

By: Charles S. Johnson

Name: CHARLES S. JOHNSON

Title: AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

**EXHIBIT A****MARKS**

The Nutrasweet Company

<b>Country</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>Reg. No.</b>	<b>Reg. Date</b>
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United States	EQUAL MEASURE	74/343280	12/28/92		
United States	EQUAL SIGN DESIGN	73/694935	11/12/87	1504461	09/20/88
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