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Hubbard Feeds Inc. **3-10-02**

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 General Partnership Limited Partnership
 Corporation-State Minnesota
 Other _____

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)
Name: Ridley Block Operations, Inc.
Internal Address: _____
Street Address: 424 N. Riverfront Drive
City: Mankato State: Minnesota Zip 56002

Individual(s)
 Association
 General Partnership
 Limited Partnership
 Corporation-State Minnesota
 Other _____

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Assignment Merger
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A. Trademark Application No.(s) _____

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: A. Minnie Alexander
 Internal Address: Dorsey & Whitney LLP

 Street Address: Suite 1500, 50 South Sixth Street

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6. Total Number of applications and registrations involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41). \$40.00

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, HUBBARD FEEDS INC. ("Assignor"), a corporation of the State of Minnesota, has adopted, used, is using, and is the owner of the mark EQUI-STAR, Registration number 1,646,999 (the "Trademark");

WHEREAS, RIDLEY BLOCK OPERATIONS, INC. ("Assignee"), a corporation of the State of Minnesota, desires to acquire the Trademark;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said Assignor does hereby assign to said Assignee all right, title, and interest in and to the Trademark on a worldwide basis, together with the goodwill of the business related thereto. Such assignment includes all claims for profits and damages and other legal or equitable relief available to Assignor by reason of past and/or current infringement or dilution, deceptive trade practices, or unfair competition involving the Trademark.

This assignment shall be effective as of 2/27/02, shall be binding on the successors and assigns of Assignor and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Assignee.

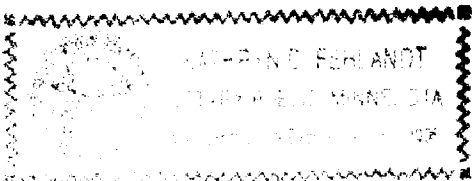
HUBBARD FEEDS INC.

Date: February 27, 2002

By: *Michael Mitchell*
Michael Mitchell, Treasurer

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss
COUNTY OF NICOLLET)

I, a notary public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Michael Mitchell, personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he is Treasurer of Hubbard Feeds Inc., that he signed, sealed, and delivered said instrument as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purpose therein set forth, and that he had full authority in this regard to act on behalf of Hubbard Feeds Inc.



Kathryn O. Fehlanet
Notary Public