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## TRADEMARKS ONLY

To the Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):  
 New England Pottery Co., Inc., a Massachusetts Corporation

individual(s)                       Association  
 General Partnership               Limited Partnership  
 Corporation - State - California  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)  
 Name Central Garden & Pet Company, a Delaware Corporation

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 3697 Mount Diablo Boulevard  
 City: Lafayette State CA ZIP 94599

Individual(s) citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Association \_\_\_\_\_  
 General Partnership \_\_\_\_\_  
 Limited Partnership \_\_\_\_\_  
 Corporation - State - California  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic Representative designation is attached  yes  no  
 (Designations must be a separate document from assignment)

Additional name(s) and address(es) attached?  Yes  No

3. Nature of conveyance:  
 Assignment                       Merger  
 Security Agreement               Change of Name  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Execution Date: February 26, 2004

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):

A. Trademark Application No.(s)  
76/405,476; 76/405,634

B. Trademark Registration No.(s)  
1,490,060; 1,927,430; 1,977,452; 2,176,504; 2,180,299; 2,188,074; 2,257,732; 2,387,258; 2,699,548; 2,772,735

Additional numbers attached?  Yes  No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:  
 Name Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP  
 Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 400 Samsome Street  
 City: San Francisco State CA ZIP 94111  
 Attn: Clarke de Maigret

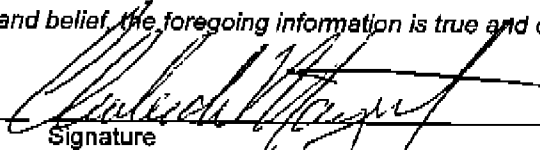
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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$315.00  
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*To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.*

Clarke de Maigret                                            5/20/04  
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DMR No. 0661-0027 (exp. 6/30/2006) 13830		<b>TRADEMARKS ONLY</b>			
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1. Name of conveying party(ies):  New England Pottery Co., Inc., a Massachusetts Corporation  <input type="checkbox"/> Individual(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation - State - California <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)  Name <u>Central Garden &amp; Pet Company, a Delaware Corporation</u>  Internal Address: _____  Street Address: <u>3897 Mount Diablo Boulevard</u>  City: <u>Lafayette</u> State <u>CA</u> ZIP <u>94599</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Individual(s) citizenship <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation - State - California <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic Representative designation is attached <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no (Designations must be a separate document from assignment)  Additional name(s) and address(es) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
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9. Statement and signature. 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.  <u>Clarke de Maigret</u>  <u>5/7/04</u> Name of Person Signing                      Signature                      Date  Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document <u>** 9</u>					

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## ASSIGNMENT OF PATENTS, TRADEMARKS AND COPYRIGHTS

This Assignment of Patents, Trademarks and Copyrights Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into as of February 26, 2004 by and between New England Pottery Co., Inc., a Massachusetts corporation having a principal place of business at 1000 Washington Street, Foxborough, Massachusetts 02035 ("Assignor"), and Central Garden & Pet Company, a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 3697 Mount Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, California 94599 ("Assignee").

### Introduction

Assignor, Assignee and American Tack & Hardware Co., Inc. have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 23, 2004 (as amended, modified and supplemented from time to time, the "Purchase Agreement"). This Assignment is being delivered pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

The patents, trademarks, trademark applications and copyright registrations of Assignor listed on Schedule A hereto and all variations thereof are collectively defined as the "Patents and Marks." Assignee wishes to acquire, and Assignor wishes to assign, Assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to the Patents and Marks.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby mutually acknowledged, Assignor and Assignee hereby agrees as follows:

1. **Assignment.** Assignor hereby sells, transfers, assigns and sets over to Assignee, the entire right, title and interest of Assignor in and to the Patents and Marks, and all registrations and applications therefor, in the United States and for all foreign countries, including any divisions, reissues, renewals, continuations, continuations-in-part, improvements and extensions thereof that are or may be secured under the laws of the United States and all foreign countries, now or hereafter in effect, for Assignee's own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of Assignee's successors, assigns or other legal representatives, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor if this assignment and sale had not been made, together with the right or priority under any international agreements to which the United States adheres and with all income, royalties or payments due or payable as of the effective date of this Assignment or thereafter, including, without limitation, all claims for damages by reason of past, present or future infringement or other unauthorized use of the Patents and Marks with the right to sue for, and collect the same for Assignee's own use and enjoyment and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives. Assignor requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, any other governmental or judicial entity and any and all foreign countries to record Assignee as the assignee and owner of the Patents and Marks.

2. **Further Assistance.** Assignor shall provide to Assignee reasonable cooperation and assistance at Assignee's request and expense (including the execution and delivery of any and all affidavits, declarations, oaths, samples, exhibits, specimens and other documentation) as may be reasonably required in the implementation or perfection of this Agreement.

3. **Miscellaneous.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective successors and assigns, and shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without regard to its choice of law provisions. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of executed signature pages hereof by facsimile transmission shall constitute effective and binding execution and delivery hereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor and Assignee has caused this instrument to be executed effective as of the date first above written.

**CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY**

By: *Alvin M. Westberg*  
*President CEO* (Title)

**NEW ENGLAND POTTERY CO., INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)


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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor and Assignee has caused this instrument to be executed effective as of the date first above written.

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

NEW ENGLAND POTTERY CO., INC.

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Z. Hermann, (Title)  
Director

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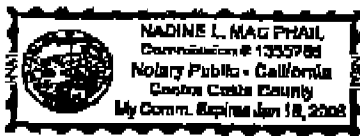
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF Contra Costa

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SS.: Lafayette

On this 25 day of February, 2004, before me personally appeared Stanislav Novotny,  
to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument,  
and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.



Nadine L. MacPhail  
Notary Public  
My commission expires:

[ Notarial Seal ]

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS )  
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COUNTY OF SUFFOLK ) SS.: BOSTON

On this 26th day of February, 2004, before me personally appeared Peter Z. Henmann, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

*Jill K. Caterer*  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: *April 30, 2010*

[ Notarial Seal ]



**SCHEDULE A**

**PATENTS**

U.S. Patent No.	Date Issued	Description
5,192,127	3/9/1993	<i>Two-Piece Locking Lamp Fixture</i>
5,428,516	6/27/1995	<i>Interlock for Miniature Lamp Arrays</i>
5,453,664	9/26/1995	<i>Light String with Improved Shunt System</i>

**TRADEMARK REGISTRATIONS**

Mark	Registration No.	Date
<i>PERM-O-SNAP</i>	1,490,060	5/31/1988
<i>GKI</i>	1,927,430	10/17/1995
<i>TWIST PROOF LAMPS</i>	1,977,452	5/28/1996
<i>AMERICA'S PLANTER RESOURCE</i>	2,176,504	7/28/1998
<i>NEP LINK</i>	2,180,299	8/11/1998
<i>ELEGANCE IN LIGHTING BY GKI</i>	2,188,074	9/8/1998
<i>ILLUMINET</i>	2,257,732	6/29/1999
<i>BETHLEHEM</i>	2,387,258	9/19/2000

GKI/BETHLEHEM LIGHTING	2,699,548	3/25/2003
WALKWAY TREES	2,772,735	10/7/2003

**TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS**

Mark	Serial No.	Date
NEW ENGLAND POTTERY	76/405,476	5/10/2002
NEW ENGLAND POTTERY (w/ design)	76/405,634	5/10/2002

**COPYRIGHT REGISTRATIONS**

Title & Description	Registration No.	Date
Saddle & Sheriff Star (painting on pot)	VAu-531-929	11/13/2001
Yellow Rose of Texas (painting on pot)	VAu-531-930	11/13/2001
Hat on Boot (painting on pot)	VAu-531-931	11/13/2001
Blue Bonnet (painting on pot)	VAu-531-932	11/13/2001
Indian Blanket / Firewheel (painting on pot)	VAu-531-933	11/13/2001
Texas Paintbrush (painting on pot)	VAu-531-934	11/13/2001