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1. Name of conveying party(ies): Congress Financial Corporation (Western) 1-26-04 [ ] Individual(s) [ ] Association [ ] General Partnership [ ] Limited Partnership [x] Corporation-State of California [ ] Other

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies) Name: Central Garden & Pet Company Internal Address: Street Address: 3697 Mt. Diablo Blvd., #310 City: Lafayette State: CA Zip: 94549

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

3. Nature of conveyance: [ ] Assignment [ ] Merger [ ] Security Agreement [ ] Change of Name [x] Other Release of Security Interest

[ ] Individual(s) citizenship [ ] Association [ ] General Partnership [ ] Limited Partnership [x] Corporation-State of Delaware [ ] Other

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached: [ ] Yes [x] No (Designations must be a separate document from assignment) Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? [ ] Yes [x] No

Execution Date: 05/14/2003

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s): A. Trademark Application No.(s) 76497487

B. Trademark Registration No.(s) 2045716

Additional number(s) attached [x] Yes [ ] No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Name: Mark E. Miller, Esq.

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: 62

Internal Address: O'Melveny & Myers LLP

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 1565.00 [x] Enclosed [ ] Authorized to be charged to deposit account

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9. Signature. Mark E. Miller Name of Person Signing

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RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST

This Release of Security Interest is dated as of May 14, 2003.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that CONGRESS FINANCIAL CORPORATION (WESTERN), a California corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Secured Party"), having an office at 251 South Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101, DOES HEREBY CERTIFY that the Security Interest granted to Secured Party by CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, a Delaware corporation ("Company"), having a place of business at 3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Suite 310, Lafayette, California, in the trademarks, trademark registrations, and trademark applications, pursuant to the Trademark Collateral Assignment and Security Agreement, dated December 12, 2000, recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 8, 2001, at Reel 2231/Frame 0952 (the "Trademark Security Agreement"), which trademarks, trademark registrations, and trademark applications are more fully identified on Schedule A annexed hereto, is terminated and released as of the date hereof, and Secured Party hereby releases and forever discharges all of its right, title, and interest of any kind or nature granted, assigned, or conveyed pursuant to the Trademark Security Agreement to such trademarks, trademark registrations, and trademark applications.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Secured Party has caused this Release of Security Interest to be duly executed and delivered by its duly authorized corporate officer as of the date first above written.

CONGRESS FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(WESTERN)

By: Gary Whitaker

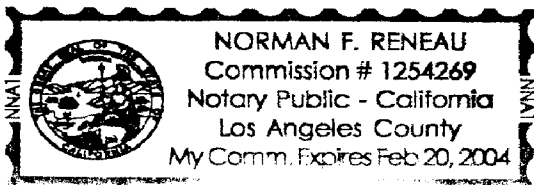
Name: GARY WHITAKER

Title: VP

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
 ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )

On the 13 day of May, 2003, before me personally appeared GARY WHITAKER, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, that he/she is the VICE PRES. of Congress Financial Corporation (Western), that said instrument was signed on behalf of such corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he/she acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

Norman F. Rneau  
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