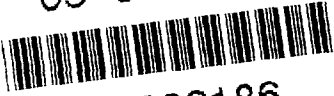


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Name: North American Nutrition Companies, Inc.
Internal Address:
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City: Lewisburg State: OH Zip: 45338
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Corporation-State Delaware
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ASSIGNMENT OF UNITED STATES TRADEMARK APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Akey, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 6531 St. Rt. 503, C.S. 5002, Lewisburg, OH 45338 (hereinafter called the "Assignor"), is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the following United States trademarks:

<u>Trademark</u>	<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Reg. Date</u>
PREMIUM DAIRY PREMIX #4 & Design	1,845,323	07/19/94
A PIG 1300 & Design	1,870,739	12/27/94
A PIG 2000 & Design	1,870,740	12/27/94
PREMIUM DAIRY FORTIFIER CRUMBLES	1,844,624	07/12/94
PREMIUM SOW PLUS	1,845,819	07/19/94
A PIG 3000 & Design	1,886,246	03/28/95
EZ-SCOOP	1,678,247	03/10/92
A & Design	2,096,704	09/16/97
4-SURE	2,121,762	12/16/97
AKEY	2,222,183	02/09/99
AMP & Design	2,233,372	03/23/99

WHEREAS, North American Nutrition Companies, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 6531 St. Rt. 503, C.S. 5002, Lewisburg, OH 45338 (hereinafter the "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring said trademark and trademark application therefor and all rights pertaining thereto including the good will of the business in connection with which said trademark is used;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred and hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto the Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said trademark, said application and any registration issuing thereon, including all good will of the business in connection with which said trademark is used, together with all rights and privileges pertaining to said trademark and application, including all rights of recovery for past infringement thereof and the right to renew said registrations for subsequent terms, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor had this sale, assignment and transfer not been made.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignor has caused this Assignment to be executed and its corporate seal to be affixed as of the 31st day of December, 2001.

AKEY, INC.

By

Mark A. Russell
Its Senior Vice President

State of Ohio :

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County of *Darke* :

Sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 10th day of April, 2002.

Pamela R. Howell

Notary Public

PAMELA HOWELL, Notary Public

In and for the State of Ohio

My Commission Expires 4/8/2005