

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Douglas O. Deal, have made an invention entitled "Self Supporting Handtruck" described in an application (hereinafter the Application) executed by me and about to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

WHEREAS, Deal Associates, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina and having a place of business at P.O. Box 1845, Roxboro, North Carolina 27573, for the benefit of itself, its successors and assigns, (hereinafter the Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, all inventions disclosed in the application (hereinafter the Invention), the Application, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and of all other countries including any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, extension, reexamination, renewal and reissue thereof which may be granted for the Invention (hereinafter the Patents);

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration to me paid by the Assignee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to the Invention, the Application and the Patents;

TO HAVE, HOLD AND ENJOY the Invention, the Application and the Patents assigned hereby to the Assignee for its own use and benefit to the end of the term or terms for which the Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had this assignment not been made.

AND I HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and the appropriate officers of all foreign patent offices to issue the Patents to the Assignee in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I HEREBY further agree to execute and sign without further consideration any other legal document, assignment and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, extension, reexamination, renewal, reissue, or other application in and for all patents that may be deemed appropriate and necessary by the Assignee fully to secure to the Assignee its interests as aforesaid in the Invention, the Application and the Patents.

AND I further covenant and agree that I will at any time upon request communicate to the Assignee or its legal representative, any facts known to me relating to the Invention, the Application and the Patents and will testify truthfully as to the same in any interference, litigation or any other proceeding related thereto when requested to do so.

AND I do hereby covenant for myself and my legal representatives that I have not assigned or granted any license to make, use or sell the Invention and that I will not purport to assign, license or execute any instrument to that effect in conflict with this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the date set forth below.

6/23/98
Date

Douglas O. Deal
Douglas O. Deal

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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COUNTY OF

Then personally appeared before me the above-named Douglas O. Deal, this 23 day of June, 1998, to me personally known and known by me to be the person named and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be that person's free act and deed.

Everlyn Bass
Notary Public

Jan. 15, 2001
My commission expires