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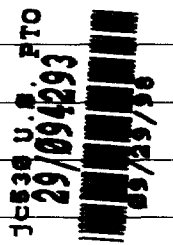
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Address: P.O. Box 430

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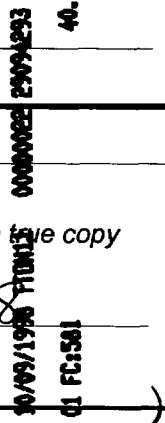
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, DAVID M. OWENS, of Stanley, North Carolina, have invented a new, original and ornamental design for a DOG CHEWABLE ROPE WITH SPIRAL ATTACHED for which I have executed an application for United States Letters Patent as dated below; and whereas American Cord & Twine, a corporation of the State of North Carolina, having a principal place of business at P.O. Box 430, Stanley, North Carolina 28164, desires to purchase same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations paid by the said American Cord & Twine, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I have agreed to and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said American Cord & Twine, its successors and assigns, in and for the United States and its territories and for foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, in and to the invention therein set forth and in and to any patent which may issue on said application, or any reissue, renewal, division, continuation of said patent or application; and I hereby bind myself, my heirs, legal representatives, administrators, and assigns properly to execute without further consideration, any and all applications, petitions, oaths and assignments or other papers and instruments which may be necessary to carry into full force and effect the sale, assignment, transfer and conveyance hereby made or intended to be made.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st

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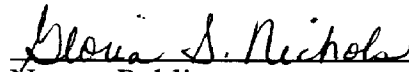


DAVID M. OWENS (SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Daston

On this 21st day of September, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, came DAVID M. OWENS, to me known and known by me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing Assignment, and duly acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.



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