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1. Assignor(s): Michael R. Hall

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2. Assignee(s): The Smith Truss Company  
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Assignee is domiciled in the United States.

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Date Executed: February 22, 1999.

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4. Please record the enclosed document against the following:

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Application Serial No. 09/256,755, filed on February 24, 1999 entitled COMPRESSION SUPPORT SLEEVE

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Litman, Kraai & Brown, L.L.C., 4700 Belleview, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64112

6. Total number of patent(s)/application(s) involved: 1

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Respectfully submitted,

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A S S I G N M E N T

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby assign, transfer and convey to The Smith Truss Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas, and having a principal place of business at Forbes Field Building 140, P.O. Box 19007, Topeka, Kansas 66619-0007, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to my invention for improvements in COMPRESSION SUPPORT SLEEVE, in and to the application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor executed by me on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1999, and in and to the Letters Patent to be issued pursuant to said application, and any divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent, or similar legal protection which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof or legal equivalent thereof.

I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it

is to issue patents or similar legal protection on applications aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent or similar legal protection for said invention to said The Smith Truss Company, the same to be held by said The Smith Truss Company for its own use and behoof and for the use and behoof of its successors, legal representatives, or assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent or similar legal protection are or may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

For said consideration, I hereby agree, upon the request of said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to execute any and all divisional and renewal applications for said invention or improvements and any supplemental oath relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application that said assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns may deem necessary or expedient, and for said considerations, I further agree, upon the request of said assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, in the event of said application or any division thereof, or Letters Patent issued thereon, or any reissue or application for the reissue thereof, becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of my ability with said assignee, its successors, legal representatives

or assigns in the matters of preparing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof. I hereby agree to perform, upon such request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made, and I hereby covenant and warrant that as of the date hereof I am the true and lawful owner of the entire right, title and interest in said invention, application for Letters Patent aforesaid, and the Letters Patent which may issue pursuant thereto, and have the full right and power to convey the same, and that the same is free and clear of all liens, charges and encumbrances whatsoever, and that I have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1999.

Michael R. Hall  
Michael R. Hall

STATE OF KANSAS )  
  ) SS.  
COUNTY OF SHAWNEE )

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid,

personally appeared Michael R. Hall, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

*Kathy L. Foster*  
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Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

8-1-99

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KATHY L. FOSTER  
Notary Public  
State of Kansas

My Appointment Expires 8-1-99  
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