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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION, PATENT APPLICATION, AND PATENT

Whereas Assignor: Kenjiro Kita  
c/o Mizuno Corporation  
of: 12-35, Nanko-kita 1-chome, Suminoe-ku,  
Osaka-shi, Osaka 559-8510, Japan

has invented certain new and useful improvements in the Invention entitled:

ATHLETIC SHOE MIDSOLE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

as described and as claimed in the Application for Letters Patent of the United States of America executed by the Assignor on: \_\_\_\_\_ (the same date as this Assignment unless otherwise set forth), and as filed in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on: \_\_\_\_\_ under U. S. Application Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_, and as identified by Attorney Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_;

And Whereas, Assignee: Mizuno Corporation  
of: 1-23, Kitahama 4-chome, Chuo-ku,  
Osaka-shi, Osaka 541-0041, Japan

including its heirs, successors and assigns is desirous of acquiring the entire and exclusive right, title, and interest in said Invention and any and all Letters Patents that may be granted therefor in the United States of America and any and all foreign countries;

Now Therefore, in consideration of ONE Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which by said Assignor is acknowledged, said Assignor hereby assigns, sells and transfers unto said Assignee the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said Invention, said Application, any and all continuations, divisions, reissues, reexaminations and extensions of said Application, any and all rights of priority pertaining to said Invention or said Application, and said Letters Patents granted therefor, in the United States of America and in all foreign countries and places throughout the world, for the full term or terms of said Letters Patents and for the maximum duration that any interest assigned herein may be maintained, to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee including its heirs, successors, and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by said Assignor had no Assignment thereof been made. Said Assignor covenants that he has the full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned, and that he has not made, and will not make any statement, agreement or conveyance in conflict herewith.

Said Assignor further agrees to cooperate with said Assignee, execute all truthful papers, and take such actions in connection with said Application and any continuations, divisions, reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof, in any interference or proceeding in relation thereto, and in any foreign applications corresponding thereto, as requested by said Assignee. Said Assignor hereby authorizes said Assignee to control and direct the prosecution of said Application and any and all continuations, divisions, reissues, re-examinations and extensions thereof.

Said Assignor authorizes and requests that said Letters Patents granted for said Invention should be issued to and in the name of said Assignee.

In Testimony Whereof, I, said Assignor, hereunto set my hand on the date indicated:

Signature: Kenjiro Kita 9 Jun 1999  
Date:

Witness: Masataka Ishida