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WHEREAS, We, STEPHEN W. MICHAEL, a citizen of the United States residing at 111 CHATSWORTH ROAD, GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29651, JOHN M. PASTORE, a citizen of the United States residing at 131 HADDON LANE, GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29651, and JAMES R. HALL, JR., a citizen of the United States residing at 19 MEADOW STREET, LYMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29365 (hereinafter referenced as ASSIGNORS), have invented a certain new and original design entitled OUTDOOR RAILING SYSTEM SPINDLE, for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

AND WHEREAS, SPARTANBURG FOREST PRODUCTS, INC., having its principal office and place of business at 5000 COLLEGE DRIVE, SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA 29303, (hereinafter ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the said invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisionals, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part, and extensions thereof, in the United States and all foreign countries, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the said ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

And we hereby agree, at the expense of ASSIGNEE, to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue, and substitute applications, make lawful oaths and declarations, and generally do everything possible to vest title in ASSIGNEE and to aid ASSIGNEE to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

And we hereby agree to transfer a like interest, upon the request of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, and without further remuneration, in and to any improvements, and applications for patent based thereon, growing out of or related to the said

invention; and to execute any papers by the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, deemed essential to ASSIGNEE's full protection and title in and to the invention hereby transferred.

Agreeing furthermore, upon request of said ASSIGNEE, and without further remuneration, to execute any and all papers desired by said ASSIGNEE for the filing and granting of applications and the perfecting of such right, title, and interest thereto in said ASSIGNEE.

This assignment executed on the date indicated below.

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