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Name: BURKE MILLS, INC.
Internal Address: Post Office Box 190, Valdese, North Carolina, 28690
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We, Humayan N. Shaikh, a citizen of Pakistan, Robert W. Downs and Charles Rex Childers, citizens of the United States of America, residing at 2.5KM, Manga Raiwind Road, District Kasur, Pakistan, 103 Labans Lane, Lincolnton, North Carolina, 28090, U.S.A. and 17125 Players Ridge Drive, Cornelius, North Carolina, 28031, U.S.A., respectively, in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 (One Dollar), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto BURKE MILLS, INC., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina, and having a business address of P.O. 190, Valdese, North Carolina, 28690, U.S.A., ("ASSIGNEE"), the entire right, title and interest, together with all rights of priority, in and to our invention entitled COMPOSITE, BREAK-RESISTANT SEWING THREAD AND METHOD, as described in the application executed by us simultaneously herewith on this 21 day of February, 2000, and as described and/or claimed in any and all applications for Letters Patent based thereon including divisions, continuations and reissues thereof as well as all foreign counterparts thereof together with all Letters Patent issuing on any of the aforesaid applications for Letters Patent, the same to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the full ends of the terms of all said Letters Patent therefor which may be granted.

AND WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE ASSIGNEE to make applications for and to receive Letters Patent for said invention in any foreign countries in its own name, or in our names, at its election.


AND WE HEREBY COVENANT AND AGREE that we will execute or procure any further necessary assurance of title to said invention and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor and that we will, at any time, upon the request and at the expense of ASSIGNEE deliver any testimony

in any legal proceedings and execute all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention or any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, and that we will, at any time, upon the request and at the expense of ASSIGNEE execute any continuations, divisions, reissues, or any other additional applications for Letters Patent for said invention or any part or parts thereof, all of which applications and any Letters Patent issuing thereon are hereby assigned to ASSIGNEE, and will make all rightful oaths, and do all lawful acts requisite for procuring the same therein, without further compensation, but at the expense of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives.

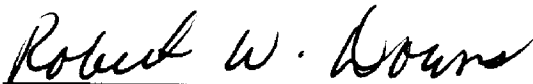
AND WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States for said invention, resulting from any of the aforesaid applications to said BURKE MILLS, INC., as sole ASSIGNEE.

WITNESS OUR hands and seals on the day(s) listed below.


2/21/00
Date


Humayan N. Shaikh

2/21/00
Date


Robert W. Downs

2/21/00
Date


Charles Rex Childers

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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I, Michael Smith, a Notary Public for said Burke County, North Carolina
do hereby certify that Humayan N. Shaikh appeared before me personally and signed the
aforementioned Assignment.

This the 21 day of February, 2000.

Michael Smith
Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 3, 2002

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Burke

I, Michael Smith, a Notary Public for said County and State do hereby certify that

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This the 21 day of February, 2000.

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