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## ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, we, Alan L. Stearns and Brian C. Stearns, each residing in Stowe, Vermont, hereby assign to Vermont Slate & Copper Services, Inc. a Vermont corporation having a place of business at P.O. Box 430, 525 Sterling Valley Road, Stowe, Vermont 05672, and its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of the following issued and pending U.S. patents:

- 1) Patent No. 5,609,326, issued March 11, 1999, titled "Impervious Membranous Roof Snow Fence System";
- 2) Serial No. 09,495,366, filed February 1, 2000, titled "Roofing Snow Guard Unit Conjoined With Anchoring Strap";
- 3) Patent No. Des. 426,453, issued June 13, 2000, titled "Roof Bracket Basestand";
- 4) Patent No. Des. 428,799, issued August 1, 2000, titled "Roof Bracket Brace Component";
- 5) Serial No. 29,109,810, filed August 24, 1999, titled "Pipeholding Unit".

This assignment includes the issued and pending U.S. patents listed above, and any foreign patents, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said applications under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes. We authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in our name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements. We agree for ourselves and our respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.



Alan L. Stearns, Inventor



Brian C. Stearns, Inventor

Acknowledged and Agreed to by:

Vermont Slate & Copper Services, Inc.



Brian C. Stearns, President

State of VT :

: ss.

County of Lamoille :

Before me this 4th day of December, 2000, personally appeared Alan L. Stearns, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

Jessyca D Perkins  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 2/10/03

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State of VT :

: ss.

County of Lamoille :

Before me this 4th day of December, 2000, personally appeared Brian C. Stearns, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

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