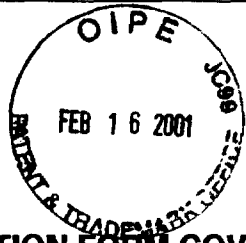


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WHEREAS, Nelson is the owner of United States Patent Number 5,681,271, dated September 29, 1998, for a Bi-Lateral Ankle Brace with Relief; and

WHEREAS, Nelson is desirous of transferring to Mueller all right, title and interest in the Patent and Mueller is desirous of receiving such patents from Nelson; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which by Nelson from Mueller is hereby acknowledged, Nelson by these presents do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto Mueller the full and exclusive right, title, and interest for the territory of the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in and to the invention and the Patent as described above, and any reissue of said Patent. The Patent and any reissue of said Patent is to be held and enjoyed by Mueller for its own use, and by its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which Patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Nelson had this Assignment and sale not been made, together with all claims for damages by reason of past infringement of said Patent with the right to sue for and collect the same for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives.

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Executed this 9 day of February, 2001.

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