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**ASSIGNMENT**

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, the undersigned persons, **R. Duane HEFLEY, Kenneth A. STRODE, and Michael S. ANDRICH** of **4317 Lafayette St., Bellaire, Texas, U.S.A. 77401, 16031 Ridgegreen, Houston, Texas, U.S.A. 77082, and 4500 Yoakum, #5, Houston, Texas, U.S.A. 77006**, respectively, hereafter identified as ASSIGNOR, hereby agrees as follows:

1. ASSIGNOR hereby assigns and transfers to:

**Evertex Corporation**, whose post office address is **16031 Ridgegreen, Houston, Texas, U.S.A. 77082**, including its successors, legal representatives and assigns (collectively referred to hereafter as ASSIGNEE),

the entire right, title and interest, in and to the discovery or improvement ("INVENTION") described in the following specified provisional or non-provisional patent application:

Title	<b>BRACING DEVICE</b>
Serial No.	<b>60/232,315</b>
Country	<b>USA</b>
Filing Date	<b>14 September 2000</b>

and, to the extent applicable, any related non-provisional application(s) and any corresponding patent(s) or registration(s) in the United States and any other country that arise from the specified or related non-provisional application(s).

2. Upon ASSIGNEE's request, ASSIGNOR agrees to execute: (a) any and all documents in connection with preparation, filing, prosecution and, if necessary, appeal of applications connected with such patent(s) or registration(s), including any continuation or divisional applications, and (b) any lawful declarations or affidavits relating to such applications.
3. In the event of an interference, reexamination, opposition or similar proceeding, upon ASSIGNEE's request, ASSIGNOR will cooperate with ASSIGNEE to the best of ASSIGNOR's ability, including without limitation, preparing and executing preliminary statements, providing technical assistance and producing evidence in support of such proceeding(s). ASSIGNEE will pay ASSIGNOR for all

reasonable and necessary expenses incurred and work performed by such ASSIGNOR, in connection with such proceedings.

4. ASSIGNOR acknowledges that he has read and understands this document, and further acknowledges, that he executes this document as his free act and deed.

In witness whereof, this assignment document has been executed by ASSIGNOR on the date opposite his signature.

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