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To the Honorable Commission

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A. Patent Application No.(s)  
09/802,973

B. Patent No.(s)

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **Jean-François MERINO**, a citizen and resident of France, whose post office address is 95, Rue du Château, 74330 EPAGNY, FRANCE, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNOR, has invented a certain improvement relating to

### **ELEMENT FOR RETAINING THE FRONT OF A BOOT ON AN ALPINE SKI**

for which he has filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 12, 2001, which has been given Application No. 09/802,973.

AND WHEREAS, **SALOMON S.A.**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of France, whose post-office address is Lieudit "La Ravoire", 74370 Metz-Tessy, France, hereinafter known as the ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to said invention and application, including any and all continuations and divisions thereof, and any and all Letters Patents which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof.

NOW, THIS WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNOR hereby assigns, sells and transfers to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and application, for the United States including any and all continuations and divisions thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, said ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said invention and application, including any and all continuations and divisions thereof, and any and all Letters Patents which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges, and advantages in any ways arising from or pertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such Letters Patents when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives in as ample and beneficial a manner to all intents and purposes as the said ASSIGNORS might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

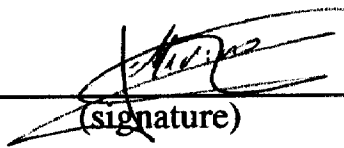
AND said ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute all papers necessary to file applications in the United States for said invention and to assign the same to said ASSIGNEE, or any assignee acquiring title to said invention, and to execute any other papers that may be needed in connection with filing said application and securing Letters Patent thereon.

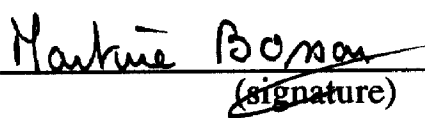
AND said ASSIGNOR authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any and all continuations and divisions thereof, to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, in accordance herewith.

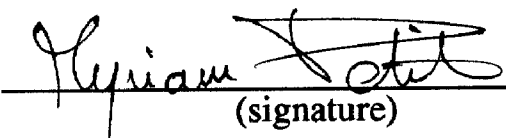
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this assignment is executed by said ASSIGNOR

Jean-François MERINO, this 11 day of May 2001, at

(address) 95 Rue du Blâteau  
76330 Epagny - France

Jean-François MERINO   
(signature)

Witnessed by:  May 11, 2001  
(signature) (date)

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(signature) (date)