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<p>4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the new application is: _____ A. Patent Application No.(s): _____ B. Patent No.(s): <u>5,405,648</u> <u>5,976,847</u> Additional numbers attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Name: <u>Daniel H. Bobis, Esq.</u> <u>Lerner, David, Littenberg, Krumholz & Mentlik, LLP</u> Internal Address: _____ Street Address: <u>600 South Avenue West</u> City: <u>Westfield</u> <u>NJ</u> Zip: <u>07090</u></p>	<p>6. Total number of applications and patents involved: <u>2</u></p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ <u>80.00</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account</p> <p>8. Deposit account number: <u>12-1095</u> (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)</p>
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<p>9. Statement and signature. <i>To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.</i></p> <p><u>Daniel H. Bobis, Esq.</u> <i>[Signature]</i> <u>October 4, 2001</u> Name of Person Signing Signature Date</p> <p>Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and documents: <u>4</u></p>	

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CONFIRMATORY ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, PAUL F. HERMANN, residing at 21 Fieldstone Drive, Dover, New Hampshire 03820 (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR) is the owner of the inventions, improvements and patents as follows:

PATENT NO.	DATE GRANTED	TITLE
5,405,648	April 11, 1995	Coating Particulate Material with a Polymer Film
5,976,847	November 2, 1999	Hydrophilic Urethane Binder Immobilizing Organisms Having Active Sites for Binding Noxious Materials

AND WHEREAS H. H. BROWN SHOE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 3-00 Banta Place, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410 (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE) has acquired all right, title and interest in and to said patents and future improvements thereof by a certain agreement between ASSIGNOR and ASSIGNEE dated February 1, 2001;

AND WHEREAS ASSIGNOR and ASSIGNEE desire to execute this document in confirmation of the rights acquired by ASSIGNEE under said agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, as of the present date and in confirmation of the agreement dated February 1, 2001 between ASSIGNOR and ASSIGNEE and in accordance with the covenants and obligations set forth herein, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. ASSIGNOR agrees to and has granted and does hereby grant and convey to ASSIGNEE all right, title and interest in and to said patents and any continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, reissues, patents of addition and improvements thereto.

2. ASSIGNEE assumes the obligation to pay annuity taxes and maintenance fees on the said patents. The lapsing or abandonment of any patent or application, through failure to pay taxes or otherwise, shall be ASSIGNEE's sole discretion, and ASSIGNEE shall incur no liability or obligation to ASSIGNOR from any lapsing or abandonment.

3. As to the rights granted herein, it is being expressly understood that ASSIGNOR will receive no royalty payments based upon income derived by ASSIGNEE through promotion, practice or sublicensing of the patents assigned hereunder.


4. ASSIGNOR represents that the U.S. patents assigned herein have not been assigned or licensed to any third party or parties and are not subject to any agreement or other encumbrance or lien.

5. ASSIGNOR agrees to execute, upon the request of ASSIGNEE and without further consideration, any further assignment document or documents suitable for recording in the title records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, for the recordation of this assignment or any other documents that may be necessary or desirable.

6. This agreement and the assignments herein granted shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the ASSIGNOR, his heirs and legal representatives, and the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

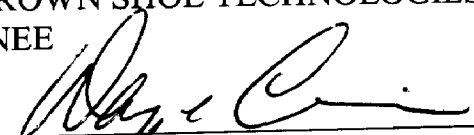
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be duly executed on the day and date indicated, and the effective date of this Confirmatory Assignment to be as of February 1, 2001.

Executed at Fair Lawn, New Jersey
this 26 day of SEPT, 2001

By: 
PAUL F. HERMANN
ASSIGNOR

Executed at Fair Lawn, New Jersey
this 17th day of September, 2001

H. H. BROWN SHOE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
ASSIGNEE

By: 
WAYNE CELIA, VICE PRESIDENT