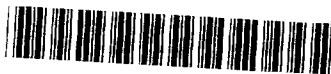




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Name: U.S. Netting, Inc.

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 220 E. Saint ElmoCity: Austin State: TX Zip: 78745Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s) 4,353,956  
4,399,184  
4,567,011Additional numbers attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No 405

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**Name of Conveying Parties:**

**MassMutual Corporate Investors  
MassMutual Participation Investors  
MassMutual Corporate Value Partners Limited**

**TERMINATION AND RELEASE  
OF SECURITY INTERESTS  
IN CERTAIN PATENTS**

**TERMINATION AND RELEASE OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN CERTAIN PATENTS** ("Release"), dated as of October 5, 2001, by **Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, MassMutual Corporate Investors, MassMutual Participation Investors and MassMutual Corporate Value Partners Limited** (hereinafter, collectively, the "Lenders").

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms of the Security and Pledge Agreement, dated as of May 3, 1995 (as amended and in effect from time to time, the "Security Agreement"), by U.S. Netting, Inc. (the "Company") in favor of the Lenders, and recorded with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on or about May 4, 1995 (~~Reel Number 7541 and Frame Number 0621~~), for the purpose of securing certain obligations of the Company to the Lenders, the Company granted to the Lenders a security interest in and lien on, and collaterally assigned to the Lenders, all of its patents, including, without limitation, the patents identified on Exhibit A attached hereto) (such patents referred to herein as the "Named Patents"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Lenders have agreed to terminate and release their security interest and all of their right, title and interest in each of the Named Patents as herein provided;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Lenders and the Company hereby agree as follows:

1. **Release and Assignment.** The Lenders hereby terminate and release their security interest in and first priority lien on all of the Company's Named Patents, and the Lenders hereby assign and transfer to the Company, without recourse, all of the Lenders' right, title and interest in and to each of the Named Patents and the related trademark registrations and goodwill, effective as of the date set forth above.

2. **Acknowledgment and Acceptance.** The Company hereby acknowledges and accepts the foregoing release and assignment by the Lenders.

3. **Counterparts.** This Release may be executed in any number of counterparts which shall together constitute one and the same agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Lenders and the Company have executed this Release, to take effect as of the date first set forth above.

MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE  
INSURANCE COMPANY

By: David L. Babson & Company Inc.,  
its Investment Adviser

By: Richard C. Morrison  
Title: Richard C. Morrison  
Managing Director

MASSMUTUAL CORPORATE INVESTORS

By: Richard C. Morrison  
Title: Richard C. Morrison  
Vice President

The foregoing is executed on behalf of MassMutual Corporate Investors, organized under a Declaration of Trust dated September 13, 1985, as amended from time to time. The obligations of such Trust are not personally binding upon, nor shall resort be had to the property of, any of the Trustees, shareholders, officers, employees or agents of such Trust, but the Trust's property only shall be bound.

MASSMUTUAL PARTICIPATION INVESTORS

By: Richard C. Morrison  
Title: Richard C. Morrison  
Vice President

The foregoing is executed on behalf of MassMutual Participation Investors, organized under a Declaration of Trust dated April 7, 1988, as amended from time to time. The obligations of such Trust are not personally binding upon, nor shall resort be had to the property of, any of the Trustees, shareholders, officers, employees or agents of such Trust, but the Trust's property only shall be bound.

MASSMUTUAL CORPORATE VALUE  
PARTNERS LIMITED

By: David L. Babson & Company Inc.,  
under delegated authority from Massachusetts  
Mutual Life Insurance Company,  
its Investment Manager

By: Richard C. Morrison  
Title: Richard C. Morrison  
Managing Director

Accepted:

U.S. NETTING, INC.


By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

COMMONWEALTH  
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN

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Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the county aforesaid, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001, personally appeared Richard C. Morrison to me known personally, and who, being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said institution by authority of its governing body, and said officer acknowledged said institution by authority of its governing body, and said instrument to be the free act and deed of said institution.

  
Notary Public FRANK T. LUCHESE  
My Commission Expires:  
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CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the county aforesaid, on this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2001, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ to me known personally, and who, being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a \_\_\_\_\_ of U.S. NETTING, INC., and that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said institution by authority of its governing body, and said officer acknowledged said institution by authority of its governing body, and said instrument to be the free act and deed of said institution.

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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:

## EXHIBIT A

### Patents Issued by U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
4,353,956	10/12/82	Helical net
4,399,184	8/16/83	Rip resistant net
4,567,011	1/28/86	Manufacture of helical nets

### Patents Pending with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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