| 101887329  | AL Y  |
|--|---|
| To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record th  | Attorney Docket No. 10368/26001   |
| 1. Name of conveying party(ies):  John G. PEARCE  Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? _ Yes X No  3. Nature of conveyance:          | 2. Name and Address of receiving party(ies):  Name: BOOT ROYALTY COMPANY, L.P.  Internal Address:  Street Address: 610 West Daggett Avenue  City: Fort Worth State: Texas |
| X Assignment _ Merger _ Security Agreement _ Change of Name _ Other  | Country: USA ZIP: 76104   |
| Execution Date: October 11, 2001   | Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? _ Yes X No   |
| A. Patent Application No.(s)  Additional numbers attach  | B. Patent No.(s)  ned? _ Yes X No   |
| 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:  | 6. Total Number of applications and patents involved: _1  |
| Name: SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD  Internal Address: Attn: Charles S. Cotropia  Street Address: 717 North Harwood                                     | 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41)  |
| Suite 3400  City: Dallas State: TX ZIP: 75201-6507   | 8. Deposit account number:  18-1260 (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)   |
| DO NOT USE THE   | HIS SPACE   |
| 9. Statement and signature: To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true of the original document.  Charles S. Cotropia | October 16, 2001  |
| Name of Person Signing Signature   | Date  Total number of pages including cover sheet3  |
| 0) (D.)) 0(51,0011 ( 4/04)   | rotal number of pages including cover sheet   |

10/25/20 01 FC:56

Do not detach this portion

Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to:

Director of Patents and Trademarks **Box Assignments** Washington, D.C. 20231

Public burden reporting for this sample cover sheet is estimated to average about 30 minutes per document to be recorded, including time for reviewing the document and gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the sample cover sheet. Send comments regarding this burden estimate to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Information Systems, PK2-1000C, Washington, D.C. 20231, and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0651-0011), Washington, D.C. 20232 20503.

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, John G. Pearce of 222 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas 76102, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a <u>BOOT SOLE DESIGN</u> for which I am about to make application for United States Letters Patent, the said application having been executed by me on <u>X October //</u>, 2001; and

WHEREAS, <u>BOOT ROYALTY COMPANY</u>, <u>L.P.</u> (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), a limited partnership of the State of Delaware, whose General Partner is Footwear Investment Company, a Delaware Corporation, having a business address of <u>610 West Daggett Avenue</u>, Fort Worth, <u>Texas 76104</u>, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in said invention in the United States and throughout the world, in said patent application, and in the Letters Patent to be granted therefor in the United States and all foreign countries, including all divisions, renewals, reissues, and extensions thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, continuations-in-part and extensions thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as my interest is concerned, to the said ASSIGNEE of my entire right, title and interest.

I also hereby sell and assign to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the invention disclosed in said application throughout the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents, utility models, industrial models and designs for said invention in its own name throughout the world including all rights of priority, all rights to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention and all rights to register said invention in appropriate registries; and I further agree to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such right, title and interest in ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

ASSIGNMENT ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 10368/26001

PAGE 1 OF 2

PATENT REEL: 012274 FRAME: 0978 I also covenant that no assignment, sales agreement, or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale.

I hereby further agree that I will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, or to its successors, assigns and legal representatives, any facts known to me respecting any improvements; and, at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and substitute applications, make all lawful oaths, and generally do everything possible to vest title in said ASSIGNEE and to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

| IN WITNESS WHEDEAE I have b                                  | ereunto set my hand this//th day of   |
|--|---|
| October, 2001.   | Aly Hum   |
|  | John G. Pearce, Inventor  |
| State of TEXAS \$ \$ ss.  County of TARRANT \$               |   |
| REFORE ME  | , Notary Public,  |
| BEFORE ME,   | Name of Notary Public   |
| on this day personally appeared                              |   |
|  | Name of Signer  CA E Anglin  Name of Notary Public  -OR-  |
| proved to me on the oath of                                  | Name of Credible Witness -OR-   |
| proved to me through   | Description of Identity Card or Document  |
| that he/she executed the same for the purpo                  | to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me ses and consideration therein expressed.  Fire this day of (A.D., 2001.) |
| SEA MERONICA E. ANGLIN MY COMMISSION EXPIRES August 24, 2003 | Clenonica Color (Avola) Signature of Notary Public  |

ASSIGNMENT ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 10368/26001 PAGE 2 OF 2

PATENT RECORDED: 10/16/2001 REEL: 012274 FRAME: 0979