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09/896,623

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ASSIGNMENT FOR A FILED APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

WHEREAS: Robert L. Whitson
922 Hickory Street
West Bend, Wisconsin 53095

(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), has invented and owns a certain invention entitled:

Interlocking Composite Masonry Edging or Stepping Block

for which Application No. 09/896,623 for Letters Patent of the United States was filed June 29, 2001 with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

WHEREAS: Bend Industries, Inc.
2200 S. Main Street
West Bend, WI 53095

(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and to all Letters Patent or similar legal protection in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries to be obtained for said invention by said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

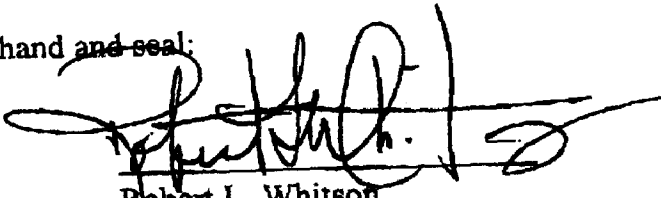
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal:

11/29/01

Date


Robert L. Whitson