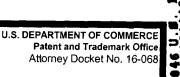
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ORM PTO-1595 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Modified) To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original document(s) or copy thereof. Name of conveying party(ies): Name and address of receiving party(ies): Darryle E. Bates Stride Tool, Inc. 46 East Washington Street Nature of conveyance: PO BOX 900 Ellicottville, New York 14731 X Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name oss Mail Label No.EL8609780014 My certify that this paper is being deposited Other: 3 U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail Execution Date: March 13, 2002 to the Commissioner of Patents and Application number(s) or patent number(s): Tendamarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: March 13, 2002 Py: Stanon Patent Application No(s).: Patent No(s) 10,103340 Name and address of party to whom correspondence 6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1 concerning document should be mailed: 7. Total fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.21(h), 3.41): \$40.00 Thomas E. Fisher WATTS, HOFFMANN, FISHER & HEINKE CO., L.P.A. Included with application. 1100 Superior Avenue, Ste. 1750 Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2518 X Authorized to be charged to deposit account. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit an overpayment or to charge any fee deficiencies unde 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h) to our deposit account. Deposit account number: 23-0630 DO NOT USE THIS SPACE Statement and signature. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy o the original document. Thomas E. Fisher . No. 18,271 Date Name of Person Signing Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: 2 Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to: Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks **BOX ASSIGNMENTS** Washington, D.C. 20231

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ASSIGNMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Darryle E. Bates a citizen of U.S.A, and residing at 1712 2nd Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221, do hereby sell, transfer, set over and assign unto Stride Tool, Inc., a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at 46 East Washington Street. PO Box 900, Ellicottville, New York 14731 respectively, its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention entitled PLIER TOOL AND PROCESS, invented by us and the application for United States patent therefor, executed concurrently herewith, and all original and reissued patents granted therefor, and all divisions and continuations thereof, including the subjects-matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in every such patent, and the right to apply for and obtain patents in countries foreign to the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon in such foreign countries, and authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue the said Letters Patent to the said Stride Tool, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, as assignee and owner of the said entire interest, and covenant that we have full right to convey said entire interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and agree that

I will communicate to said Stride Tool, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, all facts known to me respecting said invention, whenever requested, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute and deliver all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the application for such divisional, continuing or reissue applications, or the procuring thereof, and that if and when said Stride Tool, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives desire to file a disclaimer relating thereto, I will upon request, sign and deliver all lawful papers requisite for the filing of such disclaimer, and

I further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, do everything legally possible to aid said Stride Tool. Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, either in its or our own name, to apply for, obtain and enforce proper patent protection in all countries, including priority rights granted to patents in foreign countries according to all the laws and treaties in force, all without further consideration but at the expense of said Stride Tool. <u>Inc.</u>, its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives.

Darryle E. Bates

State of OHIO

This 131 day of Moury, 2002, before me personally came the above-named Darryle E. Bates to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

Notary Public

CAROLINE GLUF, NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Ohio

Resident in Cuyahoga County My Commission Expires Nov. 26, 2004 PATENT

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