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Eric Mendenhall

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Gibson Guitar Corp.

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

Street Address: 309 Plus Park Blvd.

City: Nashville ST: TN ZIP 37217

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? No

3. Nature of conveyance:

Assignment

Execution Date: October 7, 2003

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

A. Patent Application No.(s): 10/606,530

B. Patent No.(s):

Additional numbers attached? No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: WADDEY & PATTERSON

Internal Address: BANK OF AMERICA PLAZA

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Street Address: 414 UNION STREET

City: NASHVILLE State: TN Zip: 37219

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):..... \$40.00

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## ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of the payment of one (\$1.00) dollar, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Eric Mendenhall, ("Assignor") assigns to Gibson Guitar Corp. of Nashville, TN ("Assignee"), his entire right, title, and interest in and to an invention entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AN AUDIO AMPLIFIER OUTPUT STAGE POWER TRANSISTOR" (the "Invention"), and in any and all patents, reissue patents, certificates of inventorship, design registrations, utility models, and the like, that may be granted in the U.S. or in any foreign country with respect to the Invention and improvements thereto, and in any application, including continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions, that may be filed with respect to the Invention or improvements thereto, including pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/606,530, filed June 26, 2003.

Assignor will, without additional charge to Assignee but at Assignee's expense, cooperate with and assist Assignee such that Assignee may realize and fully enjoy all the rights assigned hereunder, including the preparation and execution of all papers needed by Assignee, and providing such information and assistance as may reasonably be required by Assignee in any administrative or legal proceeding to obtain or protect such rights.

Assignor represents and warrants that he has not transferred, licensed, and/or assigned any interest in the Invention to anyone other than Assignee,

and that he has not entered into any contract, assignment, or license conveying any right granted to Assignee hereunder, or that would otherwise conflict with this Assignment.

This Assignment and each of its terms shall be binding on Assignor, his representatives, heirs and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of Assignee, its successors, and assigns.

*Eric Mendenhall*

*10/07/03*

Eric Mendenhall

Date

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF Orange

Before me, Barry Langfelder, a Notary Public of the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared Eric Mendenhall, with whom I am personally acquainted, or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, and who upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the within named Assignor, and that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

This 7 day of October, 2003,

*Barry Langfelder*  
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Notary Public

My commission expires: July 29, 2007

