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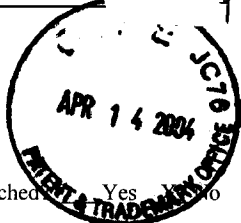


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **Jacques QUELLAIS**, a citizen of France, whose post office address is 79 Chemin des Vignerons, 74410 SAINT-JORIOZ, FRANCE, and **Bruno LANCON**, a citizen of France, whose post office address is Roue des Charres, 74350 VILLY LE PELLOUX, FRANCE, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNORS, have invented a certain improvement relating to

DEVICE FOR BINDING A BOOT TO A SPORTS ARTICLE

for which they have had filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 20, 2004, which has been given Application No. 10/759,211.

AND WHEREAS, **SALOMON S.A.**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of France, whose post-office address is Lieudit "La Ravoire", 74370 Metz-Tessy, France, hereinafter known as the ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to said invention and application, including any and all continuations and divisions thereof, and any and all Letters Patents which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof.

NOW, THIS WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS hereby assign, sell and transfer to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and application, for the United States including any and all continuations and divisions thereof, and any and all Letters Patents which may be granted therefor, said ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said invention and application, including any and all continuations and divisions thereof, and any and all Letters Patents which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges, and advantages in any ways arising from or pertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such Letters Patents when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives in as ample and beneficial a manner to all intents and purposes as the said ASSIGNORS might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

AND said ASSIGNORS hereby agree to execute all papers necessary to file applications in the United States for said invention and to assign the same to said ASSIGNEE, or any assignee acquiring title to said invention, and to execute any other papers that may be needed in connection with filing said application and securing Letters Patent thereon.

AND said ASSIGNORS authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any and all continuations and divisions thereof, to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, in accordance herewith.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this assignment is executed by said ASSIGNOR Jacques QUELLAIS, this 12 day of Mars 2004, at (address) 79 Chemin des Vignerons
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Jacques QUELLAIS [Signature]
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Witnessed by: [Signature] 12/03/04
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this assignment is executed by said ASSIGNOR Bruno LANCON, this 24 day of MARS 2004, at (address) Rouie des Champs
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Witnessed by: [Signature] Mars 24, 2004
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