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WHEREAS, I, Roger M. Rowell, residing at 4510 Gregg Road, Madison, WI 53705, USA, having jointly invented with other inventors, **Hardened and Fire Retardant Wood Products**, United States Patent Number: 5,605,767, Issue Date: February 25, 1997, and,

WHEREAS, the worldwide patent rights in said invention are assignable to the United States by virtue of my having made the invention while in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture under applicable law and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture which render said patent rights so assignable; and

WHEREAS, the United States, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, is desirous of acquiring an assignment of said patent rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises, I hereby assign said worldwide patent rights to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Roger M. Rowell

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