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SLIDE BOLT ASSEMBLY FOR AN ASTRAGAL

which is set forth in a patent application in the United States as Serial No. 11/327,056, filed on January 6, 2006, Attorney Docket No. **65,313-019**; and

WHEREAS, **QUANEX Corporation**, having a place of business at **1900 West Loop South, Suite 1500 Houston, Texas 77027**, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring said invention and said patent application and any domestic and foreign patent or patents that may be obtained therefore or thereupon;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One United States Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, the full and entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said patent application, including the right of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives to file any and all divisional, continuation, and continuation-in-part applications claiming priority to said patent application, or the right to seek reissues or extensions of any patent that may be issued for said invention, with the same to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this Assignment and sale not been made; and

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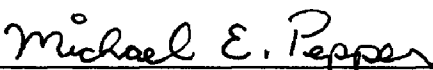
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