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To the Honorable Commissioner of Pa

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ached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies): 7.19.07

Ned Steinberger

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: June 21, 2007

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

A. Patent Application No.(s): 11/776,444

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: ROUNDABOUT PLAZA  
SUITE 500

Street Address: 1600 DIVISION STREET

City: NASHVILLE State: TN Zip: 37203

Customer No. 23456

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

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

The fee is enclosed

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Signature

7/13/07

Date

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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, Ned Steinberger, ("Assignor") assigns to Gibson Guitar Corp. of Nashville, TN ("Assignee") his entire right, title, and interest in and to an invention entitled "MUSICAL INSTRUMENT SLOPED NECK JOINT" (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 U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/896,413 filed March 22, 2007.

Assignor grants to Assignee the right to add the following information regarding a U.S. patent application to be filed so that this assignment may be recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT SLOPED NECK JOINT  
(Title of Application)

11/776,444  
(Serial Number)

JULY 11, 2007  
(Filing Date)

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.

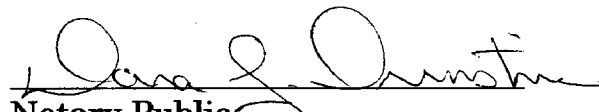
  
Ned Steinberger

6/21/07  
Date

STATE OF Maine  
COUNTY OF Lincoln

Before me, Ned Steinberger, a Notary Public of the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared Ned Steinberger, 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 21st day of June, 2007.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 4/9/2011

Dana J. Orenstein  
Notary Public, Maine  
My Commission Expires Apr. 9, 2011