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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

399 Venture Partners, Inc.

- Individual(s) Association General Partnership Limited Partnership Corporation-State Other

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

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name Other Release of Security Interest

Execution Date: November 30, 2001

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Pursell Industries, Inc.

Internal

Address:

Street Address: 201 West Fourth Street

City: Sylacauga State: AL Zip: 35150

- Individual(s) citizenship Association General Partnership Limited Partnership Corporation-State Delaware Other

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached: Yes No (Designations must be a separate document from assignment) Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

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

A. Trademark Application No.(s)

B. Trademark Registration No.(s)

see attachment

Additional number(s) attached Yes No

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

Name: Seth Traxler, Esq.

Internal Address: Kirkland & Ellis

Street Address: 200 East Randolph Drive

Suite 5300

City: Chicago State: IL Zip: 60601

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved:

134

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$ 3365.00

- Enclosed Authorized to be charged to deposit account

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Seth Traxler

Name of Person Signing

Signature

January 18, 2002

Date

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RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST
(Trademarks)

This RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST (Trademarks)(the "Release") is made and effective as of the date indicated below and is granted by **399 VENTURE PARTNERS, INC.**, a Delaware corporation ("Releasor"), in favor of **PURSELL INDUSTRIES, INC.**, a Delaware corporation; **BFC ACQUISITION CORPORATION**, a California corporation; and **VIGORO ACQUISITION CORP.**, a Delaware corporation (hereinafter collectively, "Releasees").

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of November 30, 2000 (the "Credit Agreement") by and among Releasees; Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent; Fleet Capital Corporation, as Collateral Agent; and the Lenders described therein, Lenders agreed to make loans and other financial accommodations to Releasees;

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Limited Guarantee Agreement dated as of November 30, 2000 (the "Guarantee"), by Releasor in favor of Administrative Agent, Releasor agreed to guarantee certain obligations of Releasees under the Credit Agreement;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of that certain Reimbursement Agreement dated as of November 30, 2000, among Releasees and Releasor, Releasor required, as a condition to extending its Guarantee to Administrative Agent, that Releasees grant to Releasor a security interest in and lien upon substantially all of each Releasees' assets relating to products sold under the Trademark Collateral (as defined herein);

WHEREAS, Releasees and Releasor entered into that certain Security Agreement dated as of November 30, 2000, as amended, replaced, superseded or otherwise modified from time to time (the "Security Agreement");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Security Agreement, Releasees executed that certain Trademark Security Agreement dated as of November 30, 2000 (the "Trademark Security Agreement") in favor of Releasor, pursuant to which Releasees granted to Releasor a lien upon and security interest in, among other things, Releasees' respective right, title and interest in and to the following property of Releasees, whether then owned or thereafter acquired to secure the payment and performance of the Obligations (as defined in the Credit Agreement) (collectively, the "Trademark Collateral"):

- (a) all trademarks, trademark registrations and trade names and all trademark applications that have been filed based upon use or based upon intent to use, provided that a statement of use or amendment to allege use has been filed as of the date of any Event of Default, including, without limitation, each trademark and trademark application listed on Schedule A hereto ; and (i) all renewals thereof; (ii) all income, royalties, damages and payments then or thereafter due or payable with respect thereto, including without limitation, damages and payments for past or future infringements or dilution thereof or injury to the associated

goodwill; (iii) the right to sue for past, present and future infringements or dilution thereof or injury to the associated goodwill; and (iv) all rights corresponding thereto throughout the world;

(b) the goodwill of the Releasees' business connected with and symbolized by each trademark comprised in the Trademark Collateral; and

(c) all proceeds and products of the foregoing.

WHEREAS, the Trademark Security Agreement was recorded at the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 2197/Frame 0001; Reel 2205/Frame 0664; and Reel 2201/Frame 0289 on December 7, 2000.

WHEREAS, Releasees have requested that Releasor release and discharge fully its security interest in and to the Trademark Collateral conveyed to Releasor pursuant to the Security Agreement, the Trademark Security Agreement and/or any other agreement (the "Security Interest"); and

WHEREAS, Releasor is willing to release and discharge fully the Security Interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Releasor, on behalf of itself, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, hereby releases and discharges fully the Security Interest in and to the Trademark Collateral, and all other right, title and interest in and to the Trademark Collateral conveyed to Releasor (if any) pursuant to the Security Agreement, the Trademark Security Agreement and/or any other agreement, and Releasor hereby reassigns any and all such right, title and interest that it may have in the Trademark Collateral (if any) to Releasees. Releasor further agrees to execute and deliver to Releasees any and all further documents or instruments and do any and all further acts which Releasees (or their agents or designees) reasonably request in order to confirm this Release and Releasees' right, title and interest in and to the Trademark Collateral.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Releasor has caused this Release to be duly executed by its officer thereunto duly authorized as of the 30 day of NOVEMBER 2001.

399 VENTURE PARTNERS, INC.

By: Charles E. Corpening
Name: Charles E. Corpening
Title: Vice President

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

ss.:

On this 30 day of NOVEMBER 2001, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Charles E. Corpening, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Darryl A. Johnson
[NOTARY SEAL]

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SCHEDULE A

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