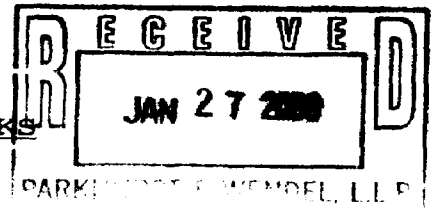


ASSIGNMENT OF UNITED STATES TRADEMARKS



WHEREAS, Dixie Yarns, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Tennessee, with a business address of P.O. Box 751, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401, is the owner of the trademarks listed in the attached Schedule A, and the federal trademark registrations also listed in attached Schedule A for the corresponding marks;

WHEREAS, R. L. Stowe Mills, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of North Carolina, with a business address of 100 North Main Street, Belmont, North Carolina 28012, is desirous of acquiring the listed trademarks together with the goodwill of the business symbolized by the marks and the respective trademark registrations;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Dixie Yarns, Inc. does hereby assign and transfer onto R. L. Stowe Mills, Inc. all right, title and interest in and to the marks and the registrations, together with the goodwill of the business connected with the use of and symbolized by the trademarks.

DIXIE YARNS, INC.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS
AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT
OR CREDIT FEES TO
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By Starr T. Klein
Name: STARR T. KLEIN
Title: SECRETARY
Date JANUARY 24, 2000