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Docket No.:

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

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

American Slate Company
1889 Mt. Diablo Boulevard
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

- Individual(s)
- General Partnership
- Corporation-State California
- Other

- Association
- Limited Partnership

Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies) Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

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

Execution Date: October 31, 2000

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Prairie Material Sales

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 7601 West 79th Street

City: Bridgeview State: IL ZIP: 60455

Individual(s) citizenship _____

Association _____

General Partnership _____

Limited Partnership _____

Corporation-State Illinois

Other _____

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

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

A. Trademark Application No.(s)

B. Trademark Registration No.(s)

1,796,389

Additional numbers

Yes No

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

Name: Sana Hakim, Esq.

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLC

P.O. Box 1135

City: Chicago State: IL ZIP: 60690-1135

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved:.....

1

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

Enclosed

Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number:

02-1818 If there are any additional fees required, please charge.

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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Sana Hakim

Name of Person Signing

Signature

November 10, 2000

Date

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and

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TRADEMARK

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ASSIGNMENT OF TRADEMARK

WHEREAS, American Slate Company, a California corporation, residing at 1889 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 ("Assignor"), has adopted, used, is using and is the owner of the following trademark now registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

| <u>Trademark</u> | <u>Registration No.</u> | <u>Registration Date</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| PRAIRIE | 1,796,389 | October 5, 1993 |

WHEREAS, Prairie Material Sales, an Illinois corporation, having its principal offices at 7601 West 79th Street, Bridgeview, Illinois 60455 ("Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring said trademark;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. Assignor hereby assigns to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to said trademark and registration, together with the goodwill of the business symbolized by said trademark and registration, all causes of action for damages by reason of past, present or future infringement thereof, and all income, royalties or payments due as of the date hereof or hereafter.

AMERICAN SLATE COMPANY

Dated: 10/31/2000

John H. Placa

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California

County of Contra Costa } ss.

On October 31, 2000 before me, Teresa C. Contreras, notary public

Date

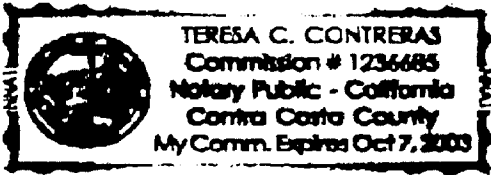
Name and Title of Officer (e.g., "Jane Doe, Notary Public")

personally appeared John H. Place

Name(s) of Signer(s)

- personally known to me
- proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence

to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/hers/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/hers/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



Place Notary Seal Above

Teresa C. Contreras
Signature of Notary Public

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer

- Signer's Name: _____
- Individual
 - Corporate Officer — Title(s): _____
 - Partner — Limited General
 - Attorney in Fact
 - Trustee
 - Guardian or Conservator
 - Other: _____

Signer Is Representing: _____

