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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):

Bank of America, N.A.
(formerly known as BankAmerica Business Credit, Inc.)

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

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

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment
- Security Agreement
- Other Release & Termination of Collateral Assignment
- Merger
- Change of Name

Execution Date: Feb. 27, 2001

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Ares Department Stores, Inc.

Internal Address:

Street Address: 2418 Main Street

City: Rocky Hill State: CT ZIP: 06067

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

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designator 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 patent number(s):

A. Trademark Application No.(s)

B. Trademark Registration No.(s)

1,556,321
1,539,718

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

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

Name: Laura Konrath

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6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: 2

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 65

Enclosed

Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number:

N/A

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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.

Laura Konrath
Name of Person Signing

Signature

3/16/01
Date

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RELEASE AND TERMINATION
OF
COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that a certain Collateral Assignment for Security (Trademarks) (the "Collateral Assignment") was executed by AMD, Inc. a Delaware corporation and predecessor by merger with Ames FS, Inc. and with and into Ames Department Stores, Inc. ("Debtor"), covering the Trademark Registrations and Trademark Applications more fully described on Schedule I annexed hereto and made a part hereof in favor of BankAmerica Business Credit, Inc. (now known as Bank of America, N.A.), as Administrative Agent (the "Secured Party"), dated as of June 22, 1994 and recorded with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 1, 1994 on Reel 1181 Frame 174. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meanings ascribed to them in the Collateral Assignment.

The Secured Party hereby releases its right, title and interest in the Trademark Registrations and Trademark Applications which were pledged, mortgaged and set over to the Secured Party by Debtor pursuant to the Collateral Assignment and terminates the Collateral Assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Release and Termination this 27th day of FEBRUARY 2001.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. (formerly known as BankAmerica Business Credit, Inc.), as Administrative Agent

By: William J. Wilson
Name: William J. Wilson
Title: Vice President

STATE OF New York)
) ss:
COUNTY OF New York)

On this 27th day of February 2001 before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared William J. Wilson, who acknowledged himself/herself to be a Vice President of Bank of America, N.A., and as such and being authorized to do so, that he/she executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, on behalf of the bank.

[Signature]
Notary Public
My commission expires:
L. SITA RAMNARACE
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 008809
Qualified in Queens County
Commission Expires June 15, 2002

**SCHEDULE I
TO
RELEASE AND TERMINATION OF
TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT**

<u>Trademark</u>	<u>Application or Registration Date</u>	<u>Application Serial No. or Registration No.</u>
1. Ames (Cl. 3, 5, 8, 23, 24)	September 12, 1989	1,556,321
2. Ames (Cl. 42)	May 16, 1989	1,539,718

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Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Box Assignments
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attn: Trademark Assignment Department

Re: GECC/AMD, Inc./Ames Department Stores, Inc.

Dear Commissioner:

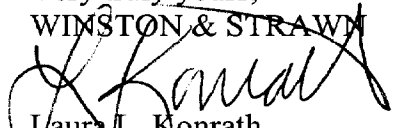
Enclosed is a Release & Termination of Collateral Assignment together with a check in the amount of \$65.00 payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for the assignment recordation fees.

Please file the enclosed with the Trademark Assignment Department of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. When the filing process is completed, please send the file-stamped document to the following address:

Laura L. Konrath
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Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,
WINSTON & STRAWN

Laura L. Konrath
Senior Legal Assistant

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Enclosures