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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): Lowe's Companies, Inc. 1-18-02
Individual(s) Association General Partnership Limited Partnership Corporation-State Other
Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

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

3. Nature of conveyance: Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name Other Release of Security Interests in Trademarks
Execution Date: December 19, 2001

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s): A. Trademark Application No.(s) B. Trademark Registration No.(s) 0686131; 0807450; 0834914; 2304658
Additional number(s) attached Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Seth Traxler, Esq. Name: Internal Address: Kirkland & Ellis Street Address: 200 E. Randolph Drive, Suite 5300 City: Chicago State: IL Zip: 60601

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: 4
7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$115.00 Enclosed Authorized to be charged to deposit account
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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. Seth Traxler Signature January 18, 2002 Date
Name of Person Signing Signature Date
Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: 4

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RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST IN TRADEMARKS

THIS RELEASE OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN TRADEMARKS (this "Release") is made as of December 14, 2001 ("Effective Date") by and between Pursell Industries, Inc., a Delaware corporation, with its principal office at 201 West Fourth Street, Sylacauga, Alabama 35150 ("Grantor"), and Lowe's Companies, Inc., a North Carolina corporation, with its principal office at P.O. Box 1111, Highway 268 East, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina 28659 ("Grantee").

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and conditions of that certain Trademark Security Agreement by and between Grantor and Grantee dated November 30, 2000 (the "Trademark Security Agreement"), Grantor granted to Grantee a continuing security interest in and to all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to all of the trademarks, and registrations of and applications to register the foregoing, and all of the trade names and assumed names owned by Grantor (collectively, the "Trademarks"), including, without limitation, the United States and foreign trademark registrations and applications set forth on Schedule A attached hereto, together with the goodwill associated therewith;

WHEREAS, the Trademark Security Agreement was recorded with the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") on April 11, 2001, at Reel 2268, Frames 0005-0009;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantee hereby terminates the Trademark Security Agreement, and hereby terminates, cancels and releases any and all security interests it has against the Trademarks.

Grantee represents and warrants that: (i) it has the full power and authority to execute this Release; (ii) it has not assigned, transferred, restricted or otherwise encumbered any security interest it has against the Trademarks; (iii) it has not recorded or otherwise evidenced its security interest with respect to any trademark, or registration of an application to register the foregoing, or any trade name or assumed name, other than those of the foregoing set forth on Schedule A (attached hereto), in any jurisdiction throughout the world.

Grantee shall take all further actions, and provide to Grantor, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, all such cooperation and assistance (including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of any and all documents or other instruments), reasonably requested by Grantor to more fully and effectively effectuate the purposes of this Release.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantee has caused this Release to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the Effective Date.

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

John L. Kasberger
Signature

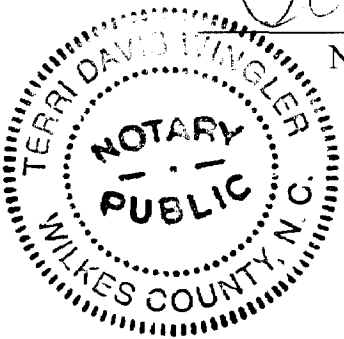
Name: John L. Kasberger

Title: Senior Vice President-Merchandising

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF WILKES)

On this 19th day of December, 2001 there appeared before me John L. Kasberger personally known to me, who acknowledged that he signed the foregoing Release as his voluntary act and deed on behalf and with full authority of Lowe's Companies, Inc.

Terrri David Tingle
Notary Public



SCHEDULE A

Trademarks

Reg. No.	Country	Reg. Date	Mark
686,131	U.S.	October 6, 1959	STA-GREEN (Stylized)
807,450	U.S.	April 26, 1966	STA-GREEN & DESIGN
834,914	U.S.	March 1, 1966	STA-GREEN
2,304,658	U.S.	December 28, 1999	STA-GREEN