

**TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT**

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<b>SUBMISSION TYPE:</b>	NEW ASSIGNMENT
<b>NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:</b>	SECURITY INTEREST

**CONVEYING PARTY DATA**

Name	Formerly	Execution Date	Entity Type
ACE HARDWARE CORPORATION		04/06/2011	CORPORATION: DELAWARE

**RECEIVING PARTY DATA**

<b>Name:</b>	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent
<b>Street Address:</b>	231 South LaSalle Street
<b>City:</b>	Chicago
<b>State/Country:</b>	ILLINOIS
<b>Postal Code:</b>	60697
<b>Entity Type:</b>	National Banking Association: UNITED STATES

**PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 8**

Property Type	Number	Word Mark
Registration Number:	3635738	ACE REWARDS
Registration Number:	3609458	HOMEPLUS+
Registration Number:	3517326	CLICK DON'T CLIP
Registration Number:	3513380	CLICK DON'T CLIP!
Registration Number:	3525108	ACE THE HOLIDAY HELPFUL PLACE.
Registration Number:	3499856	ALKATEX
Registration Number:	3635925	ACE ESSENCE
Registration Number:	3658807	HELPFUL EARTHCHOICES

**CORRESPONDENCE DATA**

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**TRADEMARK  
 REEL: 004522 FRAME: 0980**

**OP \$215.00 3635738**

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ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER: 2759.163

NAME OF SUBMITTER: Nancy Brougher

Signature: /njb/

Date: 04/15/2011

Total Attachments: 5  
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Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the liens and security interests granted to the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement and the exercise of any right or remedy by the Grantee hereunder are subject to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement and the terms of this Agreement, the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement shall govern and control.

## TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") made as of this 6th day of April, 2011, by **ACE HARDWARE CORPORATION**, a Delaware corporation ("Grantor"), in favor of **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.**, in its capacity as Agent for the Lenders party to the Loan Agreement (defined below) ("Grantee");

### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Grantor, Grantee and Lenders are parties to a certain Loan and Security Agreement dated as of May 15, 2008 (as the same has been or may be amended or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Loan Agreement") providing for the extensions of credit to be made to Grantor by Lenders;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement, Grantor has granted to Grantee, for the benefit of Lenders, a security interest in substantially all of the assets of Grantor including all right, title and interest of Grantor in, to and under all now owned and hereafter acquired Trademarks (as defined below), together with the goodwill of the business symbolized by Grantor's Trademarks, and all products and proceeds thereof, to secure the payment of all amounts owing by Grantor under the Loan Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor agrees as follows:

1. Incorporation of Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement and the terms and provisions thereof are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety by this reference thereto. All terms capitalized but not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings herein as in the Loan Agreement.

2. Trademarks. The term "Trademarks" shall mean all of Grantor's trademarks, trademark registrations, trademark applications, trade names, corporate names, company names, business names, fictitious business names, trade styles, service marks, other business identifiers, prints and labels on which any of the foregoing have appeared or appear, all registrations and recordings thereof, and all applications in connection therewith (other than "intent to use" applications until a verified statement of use is filed with respect to such applications), including, without limitation, the trademarks, trade names, service marks, registrations and applications listed on Schedule 1 attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof, and all renewals, extensions and continuations of any of the foregoing, and all income, royalties, damages and payments now and hereafter due and/or payable under or

with respect to any of the foregoing, including, without limitation, damages and payments for past, present or future infringements of any of the foregoing and the right to sue for past, present and future infringements of any of the foregoing.

3. Grant and Reaffirmation of Grant of Security Interests. To secure the payment and performance of the Obligations, Grantor hereby grants to Grantee, for its benefit and the benefit of Lenders, and hereby reaffirms its prior grant pursuant to the Loan Agreement of, a continuing security interest in Grantor's entire right, title and interest in and to the following, whether now owned or existing or hereafter created, acquired or arising:

(i) each Trademark listed on Schedule 1 annexed hereto, together with any reissues, continuations or extensions thereof, and all of the goodwill of the business connected with the use of, and symbolized by, each Trademark; and

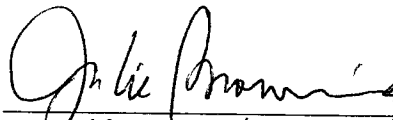
(ii) all products and proceeds of the forgoing, including without limitation, any claim by Grantor against third parties for past, present or future (a) infringement or dilution of any Trademark, or (b) injury to the goodwill associated with any Trademark.

4. Miscellaneous. **THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ANY CONFLICT OF LAW PRINCIPLES (BUT GIVING EFFECT TO FEDERAL LAWS RELATING TO NATIONAL BANKS).** Whenever possible each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but in case any provision of or obligation under this Agreement shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions or obligations, or of such provision or obligation in any other jurisdiction, shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. Whenever in this Agreement reference is made to Grantee, Lender or Grantor, such reference shall be deemed to include, as applicable, a reference to their respective successors and assigns. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon Grantor and its successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of Grantee, Lenders and their successors and assigns.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has duly executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**ACE HARDWARE CORPORATION**

By:   
Title: VP, General Counsel / Secretary

Agreed and Accepted  
As of the Date First Written Above

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,**  
as Agent

By:   
Title: *senior vice president*

## SCHEDULE 1

### Trademark Registrations

MARK	REGISTRATION NUMBER	DATE
ACE REWARDS & Design	3635738	06/09/09
HOMEPLUS+ & Design	3609458	04/21/09
CLICK DON'T CLIP	3517326	10/14/08
CLICK DON'T CLIP [Design Only]	3513380	10/07/08
ACE THE HOLIDAY HELPFUL PLACE & Design	3525108	10/28/08
ALKATEX	3499856	09/09/08
ACE ESSENCE	3635925	06/09/09
HELPFUL EARTH CHOICES & Design	3658807	07/21/09
100% Helpful Logo	3794463	05/25/10
ROYAL FINEST	3857790	10/05/10
THE BATTERY PLACE & Design	3846806	09/07/10
GRILL MARK	3596350	03/24/09

### Trademark Applications

MARK	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE
GET IN. GET HELP. GET ON WITH YOUR LIFE.	77819446	09/03/09
GET IN. GET HELP. GET OUTSIDE.	77953121	03/08/10
ACE (stylized)	85012032	04/12/10
ROYAL	85028953	05/03/10