

TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

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NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	Patent and Trademark Security Agreement

CONVEYING PARTY DATA			
Name	Formerly	Execution Date	Entity Type
Tejas Industries, Inc.		11/15/2011	CORPORATION: TEXAS

RECEIVING PARTY DATA	
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State/Country:	CALIFORNIA
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Entity Type:	National Association: UNITED STATES

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PATENT AND TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT

This Patent and Trademark Security Agreement (the "Agreement"), dated as of November 15, 2011, is made by and between Tejas Industries, Inc., a Texas corporation, having a business location at the address set forth below next to its signature (the "Company"), and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo"), and having a business location at the address set forth below next to its signature.

Recitals

A. Company, certain of Company's affiliates, and Wells Fargo are parties to a Credit and Security Agreement (as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "Credit Agreement") dated the same date as this Agreement, setting forth the terms on which Wells Fargo may now or hereafter extend credit to or for the account of Company and Company's affiliates.

B. As a condition to extending credit to or for the account of Company and Company's affiliates, Wells Fargo has required the execution and delivery of this Agreement by Company.

ACCORDINGLY, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in the Loan Documents and herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Definitions. All terms defined in the Recitals hereto or in the Credit Agreement that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement. In addition, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

"Patents" means all of Company's right, title and interest in and to the following included in the Collateral: (i) patents or applications for patents, (ii) licenses, fees or royalties with respect to each, and (iii) the right to sue for past infringement and damages therefor, all as presently existing or hereafter arising or acquired, including without limitation the patents listed on Exhibit A.

"Security Interest" has the meaning given in Section 2.

"Trademarks" means all of Company's right, title and interest in and to the following included in the Collateral: (i) trademarks, service marks, collective membership marks, registrations and applications for registration for each, and the respective goodwill associated with each, (ii) licenses, fees or royalties with respect to each, and (iii) the right to sue for past, present and future infringement, dilution and damages therefor, all as presently existing or hereafter arising or acquired, including, without limitation, the marks listed on Exhibit B.

2. Security Interest. Company hereby irrevocably pledges and assigns to, and grants Wells Fargo a security interest (the "Security Interest") with power of sale to the extent permitted by law, in the Patents and in the Trademarks to secure payment of the Indebtedness. As set forth in the Credit Agreement, the Security Interest is coupled with a security interest in substantially all of the personal property of Company. This Agreement grants only the Security Interest herein

described, is not intended to and does not affect any present transfer of title of any trademark registration or application and makes no assignment and grants no right to assign or perform any other action with respect to any intent to use trademark application, unless such action is permitted under 15 U.S.C. §1060.

3. Representations, Warranties and Agreements. Company represents, warrants and agrees as follows:

3.1 **Existence; Authority.** Company is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of incorporation, and this Agreement has been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of Company.

3.2 **Patents.** Exhibit A accurately lists all patents and patent applications owned by Company as of the date hereof and accurately reflects the existence and status of applications and letters patent pertaining to such Patents as of the date hereof. If after the date hereof, Company owns, controls or has a right to have assigned to it any patents or patent applications not listed on Exhibit A, or if Exhibit A ceases to accurately reflect the existence and status of applications and letters patent pertaining to such Patents, then Company shall within 60 days provide written notice to Wells Fargo with a replacement Exhibit A, which upon acceptance by Wells Fargo shall become part of this Agreement.

3.3 **Trademarks.** Exhibit B accurately lists all trademark registrations and trademark applications owned by Company as of the date hereof and accurately reflects the existence and status of such Trademarks and all applications and registrations pertaining thereto as of the date hereof. If after the date hereof, Company owns or controls any trademark registrations or trademark applications not listed on Exhibit B (other than common law marks which are not material to Company's business), or if Exhibit B ceases to accurately reflect the existence and status of applications and registrations pertaining to such Trademarks, then Company shall promptly provide written notice to Wells Fargo with a replacement Exhibit B, which upon acceptance by Wells Fargo shall become part of this Agreement.

3.4 [Intentionally Omitted].

3.5 **Title.** Company has absolute title to each Patent and each Trademark listed on Exhibits A and B, free and clear of all Liens except Permitted Liens. Company (i) will have, at the time Company acquires any rights in Patents or Trademarks hereafter arising, absolute title to each such Patent or Trademark free and clear of all Liens except Permitted Liens, and (ii) will keep all Patents and Trademarks free and clear of all Liens except Permitted Liens.

3.6 **No Sale.** Except as permitted under the Credit Agreement, Company will not assign, transfer, encumber or otherwise dispose of the Patents or Trademarks, or any interest therein, without Wells Fargo's prior written consent.

3.7 **Defense.** Except as permitted under the Credit Agreement, Company will at its own expense and using commercially reasonable efforts, protect and defend the Patents and

Trademarks against all claims or demands of all Persons other than those holding Permitted Liens.

3.8 Maintenance. Except as permitted under the Credit Agreement, Company will at its own expense maintain the Patents and the Trademarks to the extent commercially and reasonably advisable in its business including, but not limited to, filing all applications to obtain letters patent or trademark registrations and all necessary affidavits, maintenance fees, annuities, and renewals with respect to letters patent, trademark registrations and applications therefor. Except as permitted under the Credit Agreement, Company covenants that it will not abandon nor fail to pay any maintenance fee or annuity due and payable on any Patent or Trademark, nor fail to file any required affidavit or renewal in support thereof, without first providing Wells Fargo: (i) 30 days written notice to allow Wells Fargo to timely pay any such maintenance fees or annuities which may become due on any Patents or Trademarks, or to file any affidavit or renewal with respect thereto, and (ii) a separate written power of attorney or other authorization to pay such maintenance fees or annuities, or to file such affidavit or renewal, should such authorization be necessary or desirable.

3.9 Wells Fargo's Right to Take Action. If Company fails to perform or observe any of its covenants or agreements set forth in this Section 3, and if such failure continues for a period of ten (10) calendar days after Wells Fargo gives Company written notice thereof (or, in the case of the agreements contained in Section 3.8, immediately upon the occurrence of such failure, without notice or lapse of time), or if Company notifies Wells Fargo that it intends to abandon a Patent or Trademark, Wells Fargo may (but need not) perform or observe such covenant or agreement or take steps to prevent such intended abandonment on behalf and in the name, place and stead of Company (or, at Wells Fargo's option, in Wells Fargo's own name) and may (but need not) take any and all other actions which Wells Fargo may reasonably deem necessary to cure or correct such failure or prevent such intended abandonment.

3.10 Costs and Expenses. Except to the extent that the effect of such payment would be to render any loan or forbearance of money usurious or otherwise illegal under any applicable law, Company shall pay Wells Fargo on demand the amount of all moneys expended and all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements) incurred by Wells Fargo in connection with or as a result of Wells Fargo's taking action under Section 3.9 or exercising its rights under Section 6, together with interest thereon from the date expended or incurred by Wells Fargo at the Default Rate.

3.11 Power of Attorney. To facilitate Wells Fargo's taking action under Section 3.9 and exercising its rights under Section 6, Company hereby irrevocably appoints (which appointment is coupled with an interest) Wells Fargo, or its delegate, as the attorney-in-fact of Company with the right (but not the duty) from time to time to create, prepare, complete, execute, deliver, endorse or file, in the name and on behalf of Company, any and all instruments, documents, applications, financing statements, and other agreements and writings required to be obtained, executed, delivered or endorsed by Company under this Section 3, or, necessary for Wells Fargo, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the Default Period commenced thereby, to enforce or use the Patents or Trademarks or to grant or issue any exclusive or non-exclusive license under the Patents or Trademarks to any third party, or to sell,

assign, transfer, pledge, encumber or otherwise transfer title in or dispose of the Patents or Trademarks to any third party. Company hereby ratifies all that such attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. The power of attorney granted herein shall terminate upon the termination of the Credit Agreement as provided therein and the payment and performance of all Indebtedness.

4. Company's Use of the Patents and Trademarks. Company shall be permitted to control and manage the Patents and Trademarks, including the right to exclude others from making, using or selling items covered by the Patents and Trademarks and any licenses thereunder, in the same manner and with the same effect as if this Agreement had not been entered into, so long as no Event of Default occurs and remains uncured.

5. Events of Default. Each of the following occurrences shall constitute an event of default under this Agreement (herein called "Event of Default"): (a) an Event of Default, as defined in the Credit Agreement, shall occur; or (b) Company shall fail promptly to observe or perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement binding on Company; or (c) any of the representations or warranties contained in Section 3 shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect when made.

6. Remedies. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the Default Period commenced thereby, Wells Fargo may, at its option, take any or all of the following actions:

6.1 Wells Fargo may exercise any or all remedies available under the Credit Agreement.

6.2 Wells Fargo may sell, assign, transfer, pledge, encumber or otherwise dispose of the Patents and Trademarks.

6.3 Wells Fargo may enforce the Patents and Trademarks and any licenses thereunder, and if Wells Fargo shall commence any suit for such enforcement, Company shall, at the request of Wells Fargo, do any and all lawful acts and execute any and all proper documents required by Wells Fargo in aid of such enforcement.

7. Miscellaneous. This Agreement can be waived, modified, amended, terminated or discharged, and the Security Interest can be released, only explicitly in a writing signed by Wells Fargo. A waiver signed by Wells Fargo shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose given. Mere delay or failure to act shall not preclude the exercise or enforcement of any of Wells Fargo's rights or remedies. All rights and remedies of Wells Fargo shall be cumulative and may be exercised singularly or concurrently, at Wells Fargo's option, and the exercise or enforcement of any one such right or remedy shall neither be a condition to nor bar the exercise or enforcement of any other. All notices to be given to Company or Wells Fargo under this Agreement shall be given in the manner and with the effect provided in the Credit Agreement. Wells Fargo shall not be obligated to preserve any rights Company may have against prior parties, to realize on the Patents and Trademarks at all or in any particular manner or order, or to apply any cash proceeds of Patents and Trademarks in any particular order of application. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Company and Wells Fargo and

their respective participants, successors and assigns and shall take effect when signed by Company and delivered to Wells Fargo, and Company waives notice of Wells Fargo's acceptance hereof. Wells Fargo may execute this Agreement if appropriate for the purpose of filing, but the failure of Wells Fargo to execute this Agreement shall not affect or impair the validity or effectiveness of this Agreement. A carbon, photographic or other reproduction of this Agreement or of any financing statement signed by Company shall have the same force and effect as the original for all purposes of a financing statement. This Agreement shall be governed by the internal law of the State of California without regard to conflicts of law provisions. If any provision or application of this Agreement is held unlawful or unenforceable in any respect, such illegality or unenforceability shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect and this Agreement shall be construed as if the unlawful or unenforceable provision or application had never been contained herein or prescribed hereby. All representations and warranties contained in this Agreement shall survive the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the creation and payment of the Indebtedness.

8. Arbitration.

8.1 **Arbitration.** The parties hereto agree, upon demand by any party, to submit to binding arbitration all claims, disputes and controversies between or among them (and their respective employees, officers, directors, attorneys, and other agents), whether in tort, contract or otherwise arising out of or relating in any way to this Agreement and its negotiation, execution, collateralization, administration, repayment, modification, extension, substitution, formation, inducement, enforcement, default or termination.

8.2 **Governing Rules.** Any arbitration proceeding will (i) proceed in a location in Los Angeles, California selected by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"); (ii) be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (Title 9 of the United States Code), notwithstanding any conflicting choice of law provision in any of the documents between the parties; and (iii) be conducted by the AAA, or such other administrator as the parties shall mutually agree upon, in accordance with the AAA's commercial dispute resolution procedures, unless the claim or counterclaim is at least \$1,000,000.00 exclusive of claimed interest, arbitration fees and costs in which case the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the AAA's optional procedures for large, complex commercial disputes (the commercial dispute resolution procedures or the optional procedures for large, complex commercial disputes to be referred to, as applicable, as the "Rules"). If there is any inconsistency between the terms hereof and the Rules, the terms and procedures set forth herein shall control. Any party who fails or refuses to submit to arbitration following a demand by any other party shall bear all costs and expenses incurred by such other party in compelling arbitration of any dispute. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to be a waiver by any party that is a bank of the protections afforded to it under 12 U.S.C. §91 or any similar applicable state law.

8.3 **No Waiver of Provisional Remedies, Self-Help and Foreclosure.** The arbitration requirement does not limit the right of any party (if not otherwise restricted by the terms and conditions of this Agreement) to (i) foreclose against real or personal property collateral; (ii) exercise self-help remedies relating to collateral or proceeds of collateral such as setoff or repossession; or (iii) obtain provisional or ancillary remedies such as replevin,

injunctive relief, attachment or the appointment of a receiver, before during or after the pendency of any arbitration proceeding. This exclusion does not constitute a waiver of the right or obligation of any party to submit any dispute to arbitration or reference hereunder, including those arising from the exercise of the actions detailed in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph.

8.4 Arbitrator Qualifications and Powers. Any arbitration proceeding in which the amount in controversy is \$5,000,000.00 or less will be decided by a single arbitrator selected according to the Rules, and who shall not render an award of greater than \$5,000,000.00. Any dispute in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000.00 shall be decided by majority vote of a panel of three arbitrators; provided however, that all three arbitrators must actively participate in all hearings and deliberations. The arbitrator will be a neutral attorney licensed in the State of California or a neutral retired judge of the state or federal judiciary of California, in either case with a minimum of ten years experience in the substantive law applicable to the subject matter of the dispute to be arbitrated. The arbitrator will determine whether or not an issue is arbitratable and will give effect to the statutes of limitation in determining any claim. In any arbitration proceeding the arbitrator will decide (by documents only or with a hearing at the arbitrator's discretion) any pre-hearing motions which are similar to motions to dismiss for failure to state a claim or motions for summary adjudication. The arbitrator shall resolve all disputes in accordance with the substantive law of California and may grant any remedy or relief that a court of such state could order or grant within the scope hereof and such ancillary relief as is necessary to make effective any award. The arbitrator shall also have the power to award recovery of all costs and fees, to impose sanctions and to take such other action as the arbitrator deems necessary to the same extent a judge could pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the California Rules of Civil Procedure or other applicable law. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The institution and maintenance of an action for judicial relief or pursuit of a provisional or ancillary remedy shall not constitute a waiver of the right of any party, including the plaintiff, to submit the controversy or claim to arbitration if any other party contests such action for judicial relief.

8.5 Discovery. In any arbitration proceeding discovery will be permitted in accordance with the Rules. All discovery shall be expressly limited to matters directly relevant to the dispute being arbitrated and must be completed no later than 20 days before the hearing date and within 180 days of the filing of the dispute with the AAA. Any requests for an extension of the discovery periods, or any discovery disputes, will be subject to final determination by the arbitrator upon a showing that the request for discovery is essential for the party's presentation and that no alternative means for obtaining information is available.

8.6 Class Proceedings and Consolidations. The resolution of any dispute arising pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be determined by a separate arbitration proceeding and such dispute shall not be consolidated with other disputes or included in any class proceeding.

8.7 Payment Of Arbitration Costs And Fees. The arbitrator shall award all costs and expenses of the arbitration proceeding.

8.8 **Miscellaneous.** To the maximum extent practicable, the AAA, the arbitrators and the parties shall take all action required to conclude any arbitration proceeding within 180 days of the filing of the dispute with the AAA. No arbitrator or other party to an arbitration proceeding may disclose the existence, content or results thereof, except for disclosures of information by a party required in the ordinary course of its business or by applicable law or regulation. If more than one agreement for arbitration by or between the parties potentially applies to a dispute, the arbitration provision most directly related to the Loan Documents or the subject matter of the dispute shall control. This arbitration provision shall survive termination, amendment or expiration of any of the Loan Documents or any relationship between the parties.

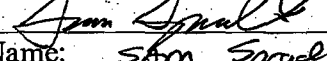
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Patent and Trademark Security Agreement as of the date written above.

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Amarillo, Texas 79101
Attention: Sam Spradlin

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association
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Pasadena, California 91101
Attn: Relationship Manager-Tejas Industries,
Inc.

TEJAS INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: 
Print Name: Sam Spradlin
Its: CFO

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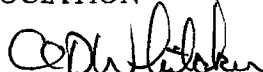
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Its: Authorized Signatory

EXHIBIT A

PATENTS

None.

PATENT APPLICATIONS

None.

EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES ISSUED TRADEMARKS, SERVICE MARKS

AND COLLECTIVE MEMBERSHIP MARKS

REGISTRATIONS

Mark	App. No. / Reg. No.	App. Date / Reg. Date	Goods/Services	Owner	Status
TEJAS INDUSTRIES	3798610	6/8/2010	Manufacturing services for others in the field of pet and animal feed	Tejas Industries, Inc.	Registered
LITTLE HEROES	3395210	3/11/2008	Pet food and edible pet treats	Tejas Industries, Inc.	Registered
TEJAS INDUSTRIES	3798610	6/8/2010	Manufacturing services for others in the field of pet and animal feed	Tejas Industries, Inc.	Registered
MERRICK (Stylized) MERRICK CHECK THIS	1885712	3/21/1995	Pet foods and treats	Tejas Industries, Inc.	Registered

APPLICATIONS

None.

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