

ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, We, Pascal ROOBROUCK and Jozef Albert Octaaf GOUBERT, all citizens of Belgium, and residing respectively at Ballaerstraat 19, B-2018 Antwerpen and Kwintijnpoort 28, B-9200 Baasrode, all of Belgium, hereby sell, assign and transfer to ALCATEL ALSTHOM COMPAGNIE GENERALE D'ELECTRICITE, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of France and having a principal place of business at 54, rue La Boétie, 75008 PARIS, France, as assignee, and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest, in and to certain inventions relating to improvements in MULTIPLE INTERRUPT HANDLING METHOD AND APPARATUS which is described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed by us on even date herewith; and all the rights and privileges under any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor.

We request that any and all patents for said invention be issued to said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or to such nominees as it may designate.

We agree that, when requested, we will, without charge to said assignee but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing and maintaining patents for said inventions in the United States and for vesting title thereto in said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.

We authorize and empower the said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees, to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions filed by it or them, the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization from us.

We hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file a like document which may be required for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of the said assignee or nominee to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it.

We covenant with said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives and the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that we have full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

Signed at Antwerp, Belgium, this 11 day of May 1998

Pascal Roobrouck

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Jozef Albert Octaaf Goubert

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Signed in our presence and acknowledged to be an assignment of the application (invention) herein above referred to.

Witness : Timothy THEYS Date : 11 May 1998

Witness : Catharina Alfonsina Date : 11 May 1998
Margareta Dauwe