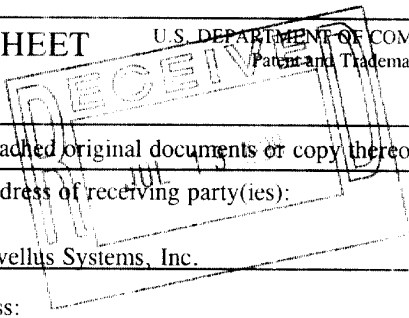


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We, John W. Vanderpot and John D. Pollock, in consideration of One Dollar and other valuable consideration paid to us by

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a corporation of California, having its principal place of business at 3970 North 1st Street, San Jose, California 95134, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said

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WITNESS my hand and seal this 7th day of July, 1998.

By: [Signature]
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Then personally appeared the above named John W. Vanderpot and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me, this 7th day of JULY, 1998.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires: JUNE 18, 2001

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