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**Inso Corporation**

Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies)  Yes  No

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City: **Leper** State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: **Belgium** ZIP: **8900**

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08/555,495	11/8/95	4,580,241	4,724,523	4,868,750
08/684,002	7/19/96	4,730,269	4,771,401	4,964,501
08/915,628	8/21/97	5,690,628	4,773,009	
		4,783,758	4,864,502	

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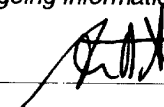
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**Bruce D. Sunstein**  **July 15, 1998**

Name of Person Signing Signature Date

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CONFIRMATORY ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Inso Corporation (hereinafter "Assignor"), a Delaware corporation, is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the inventions disclosed in the United States and foreign patent applications and patents on the schedule attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A and in and to such patent applications and such patents;

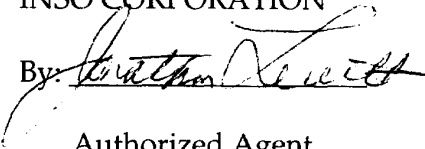
WHEREAS, Lernout & Hauspie Speech Products N.V. (hereinafter "Assignee"), a Belgian corporation, having a place of business in Belgium, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to such inventions, patent applications and patents;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign and transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to such inventions, such patent applications and such patents and any patents, and any reissues and extensions thereof, which issue or have issued in any country upon patent applications which correspond with any of such applications or patents or any divisional, continuation-in-whole, or continuation-in-part thereof, including the right to sue and collect for past infringement; the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee for its own use, and for the use of its legal representatives, to the full term for which such patents have been granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment not been made.

Assignor does hereby further covenant and agree that it will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that Assignor, its successors and assigns, will at any time upon request without further additional consideration, but at the expense of Assignee, its successors and assigns, execute such additional writings and do such additional acts as Assignee, its successors and assigns, may determine as necessary or desirable in the enjoyment of this grant, and in any proceedings or transactions involving such inventions, patent applications or patents.

Date: 6-12-98

INSO CORPORATION

By: 

Authorized Agent

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 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK )

On <sup>June</sup> ~~May~~ 12, 1998, before me, a notary public in and for said county and state, personally appeared Jonathan Levitt, who, being by me first duly sworn, declared that he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Inso Corporation, and that the foregoing instrument was signed on behalf of the corporation by authority of its board of directors as its free act and deed.

*Intellectual Property Counsel*

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*Karen Broderick*  
Notary Public

**KAREN BRODERICK**  
**Notary Public**  
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SCHEDULE 1.1 (III)PATENT DOCKET  
AS OF NOVEMBER 12, 1997

DKT NO.	CTY	STATUS	TITLE		
			APPL NO.	APPL DT.	GRANT DT.
ISM-0001 DICTIONARY	USA	G	06/467834	18FE1983	01AP1986
GRAPHIC WORD SPELLING CORRECTION USING AUTOMATED COMPARISONS WITH PHONETIC WORD SKELETONS					
- NOT CURRENTLY USED IN ANY INSO PRODUCT, BUT VALUABLE FOR FUTURE USE					
ISM-0001CA	CANA	G	16FE1984	1203916	22AP1986
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED SPELLING CORRECTION					
- NOT CURRENTLY USED IN ANY INSO PRODUCT, BUT VALUABLE FOR FUTURE USE					
ISM-0001CN UTILIZING	USA	G	06/846555	31NR1986	08NR1988
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING WORD SKELETONS ALPHA SET REPLACEMENT AND OMISSION					
- NOT CURRENTLY USED IN ANY INSO PRODUCT, BUT VALUABLE FOR FUTURE USE					
ISM-0002	USA	G	08/503981	19JL1995	21OC1997
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED SEARCH AND RETRIEVAL PROCESSING					
- CURRENTLY USED IN INSO'S INTELLISCOPE SEARCH ENHANCER PRODUCT					
ISM-0002CP	USA	F	08/555495	08NO1995	
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS AND GENERATION OF NATURAL LANGUAGE TEXT					
- CURRENTLY USED IN INSO'S INTELLISCOPE SEARCH ENHANCER PRODUCT					
ISM-0002CP2	USA	F	08/684002	19JL1996	
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED TOKENIZATION OF NATURAL LANGUAGE TEXT					
- CURRENTLY USED IN INSO'S INTELLISCOPE SEARCH ENHANCER PRODUCT					
ISM-0002PC	PCT	F	PCT/US96/12018	19JL1996	
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED SEARCH AND RETRIEVAL PROCESSING					
- CURRENTLY USED IN INSO'S INTELLISCOPE SEARCH ENHANCER PRODUCT					
ISM-0009	USA	G	06/699202	05FE1985	08NO1988
AUTOMATED WORD SUBSTITUTION USING NUMERICAL RANKINGS OF STRUCTURAL DISPARITY BETWEEN MISPELLED WORDS & CANDIDATE					
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ISM-0009CA CORRECTION	CANA	G	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEMI-AUTOMATIC SPELLING
		501091	04FE1986 1248635 10JA1989

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ISM-0010	USA	G	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE ELECTRONIC STORAGE AND
	06/750911		01JL1986 4724523 09FE1988
			RETRIEVAL OF EXPRESSIONS AND LINGUISTIC INFORMATION

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ISM-0010CA	CANA	G	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE ELECTRONIC STORAGE AND
	512709		27JE1986 1269558 01MY1990
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ISM-0012	USA	G	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LINGUISTIC EXPRESSION PROCESSING
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ISM-0013CA	CANA	G	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE ELECTRONIC STORAGE RETRIEVAL
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ISM-0014	USA	G	METHOD & APPARATUS FOR TEXT ANALYSIS
	06/872894		06JE1986 4773009 20SE1988

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ISM-0014CA	CANA	G	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TEXT ANALYSIS
	539001		05JE1987 1295746 11FE1992

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ISM-0020	USA	G	SENTENCE ANALYZER
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ISM-0020CA	CANA	G	SENTENCE ANALYZER
	579693		07OC1988 1300269 05MR1992

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ISM-0021 USA G COLLOCATIONAL GRAMMAR SYSTEM  
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ISM-0022 USA G WORD ANNOTATION SYSTEM  
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ISM-0022CA CANA G WORD ANNOTATION SYSTEM  
579694 070C1988 1300272 05MY1992

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ISM-0024 USA F METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BREAKING WORDS IN A STREAM  
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OF TEXT

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**ABSTRACTS OF PENDING APPLICATIONS****\*\* ALL PENDING APPLICATIONS RELATE TO TECHNOLOGY USED IN****INTELLECTUAL SEARCH ENHANCER****ABSTRACT FOR ISM-002CP, SERIAL NO. 08/555,495**

This invention improves information retrieval and the precision of language processing by providing an apparatus and method for organizing, utilizing, analyzing, and generating morphological data. The apparatus and method involve locating a stored lexical expression representative of a candidate word found in a stream of natural language text, identifying a paradigm for the candidate word based upon the stored lexical expression, and applying transforms contained within the identified paradigm to the candidate word.

**ABSTRACT FOR ISM-002CP2, SERIAL NO. 08/684,002**

This invention improves information retrieval by providing a tokenizing apparatus and method that parses natural language text in a manner that increases the throughput of an information retrieval or natural language analysis system. The tokenizer includes a parser that extracts characters from the stream of text, an identifying element for identifying a token formed of characters in the stream of text that include lexical matter, and a filter for assigning tags to those tokens requiring further linguistic analysis. The tokenizer, in a single pass through the stream of text, determines the further linguistic processing suitable to each particular token contained in the stream of text.

**ABSTRACT FOR ISM-002PC, SERIAL NO. PCT/US96/12018**

This invention provides a method and apparatus for automated search and retrieval processing that includes a tokenizer, a noun phrase analyzer, and a morphological analyzer. The tokenizer includes a parser that extracts characters from the stream of text, an identifying element for identifying a token formed of characters in the stream of text that include lexical matter, and a filter for assigning tags to those tokens requiring further linguistic analysis. The tokenizer, in a single pass through the stream of text, determines the further linguistic processing suitable to each particular token contained in the stream of text. The noun phrase analyzer annotates tokens with tags identifying characteristics of the tokens and contextually analyzes each token. During processing, the noun phrase analyzer can also disambiguate individual token characteristics and identify agreement between tokens. The morphological analyzer organizes, utilizes, analyzes, and generates morphological data related to the tokens. In particular, the morphological analyzer locates a stored lexical expression representative of a candidate token found in a stream of natural language text, identifies a paradigm for the candidate token based upon the stored lexical expression, and applies transforms contained within the identified paradigm to the candidate token.

**ABSTRACT ISM-024, SERIAL NO. 08/915,628**

A word breaker utilizing a lexicon module and a processing module to identify word breaks in a stream of Asian (e.g. Japanese, Chinese, or Korean) language text. The lexicon module is a dictionary or database containing words native to the language of the input text. The processing module includes a plurality of analysis modules which operate on the input text. In particular, the processing module can include modules that analyze the input text using heuristic rules and statistical analysis to identify a first set of word breaks, thereby reducing the size of segments with undefined word breaks. The processing module also includes a database analysis module that identifies the remaining undefined word breaks in those smaller segments that have undergone heuristic or statistical analysis.

**ABSTRACT OF ISM-024PC, SERIAL NO. PCT/US97/14741**

A word breaker utilizing a lexicon module and a processing module to identify word breaks in a stream of Asian (e.g. Japanese, Chinese, or Korean) language text. The lexicon module is a dictionary or database containing words native to the language of the input text. The processing module includes a plurality of analysis modules which operate on the input text. In particular, the processing module can include modules that analyze the input text using heuristic rules and statistical analysis to identify a first set of word breaks, thereby reducing the size of segments with undefined word breaks. The processing module also includes a database analysis module that identifies the remaining undefined word breaks in those smaller segments that have undergone heuristic or statistical analysis.

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