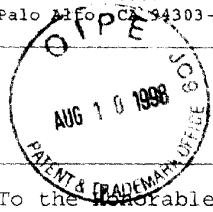


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NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with an agreement between Hewlett-Packard Limited and Hewlett-Packard Company (a California corporation having its principal place of business in Palo Alto, California), Hewlett-Packard Limited hereby, in all non-European countries except for those countries or territories in which a granted European Patent (UK) or UK patent may be registered, assigns to Hewlett-Packard Company, its successors and assigns, the right of priority under the above identified Application and the right to file and prosecute an application for Letters Patent in each of these countries, including, in particular, the Application for United States Letters Patent entitled:

Storage System; Serial No. 08/887,917

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