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Sir:

Please record the attached original document or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party: Algirdas Joseph GRUODIS
2. Name and address of receiving party:

CREDENCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION  
215 Fourier Avenue  
Fremont, California 94539

3. The conveyance is an ASSIGNMENT and was executed on August 17, 1998.

4. Properties affected: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/126,691 filed July 30, 1998 for ALGORITHMIC PATTERN GENERATOR

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6. Total number of properties affected: 1

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Respectfully submitted,

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A S S I G N M E N T

(Application Already Filed)

WHEREAS, I, Algirdas Joseph Gruodis, a resident of Wappinger Falls, New York, am inventor with Philip Theodore Kuglin of an improvement in or relating to ALGORITHMIC PATTERN GENERATOR for which I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States of America on July 30, 1998; and

WHEREAS, CREDDENCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 215 Fourier Avenue, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Algirdas Joseph Gruodis, assign and transfer to CREDDENCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION, my entire legal and equitable right, title, and interest for the territory of the United States of America, and for all foreign countries, in and to the invention described and claimed in the aforesaid application for Letters Patent of the United States; said invention, application, and Letters Patent in this or any foreign country, and all divisions, continuations, reissues, and extensions thereof, to be held and enjoyed by the said CREDDENCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION for its own use and behalf, and for its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which Letters Patent may be granted in this or any foreign country, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been

made, and I warrant that I have full right to do so, and agree that I shall communicate to the said CREDENCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION, or its successors and assigns any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful declarations, and generally do everything possible to aid CREDENCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in this or any foreign country.

EXECUTED at Dutchess County, New York, this  
17 day of August, 1998, by

Algirdas Joseph Gruodis  
Algirdas Joseph Gruodis

STATE OF NEW YORK       )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Dutchess    )

This 17 day of August, 1998, before me personally came the above-named Algirdas Joseph Gruodis, who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes set forth therein.

Kimberly Brennan  
Notary Public for New York  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

KIMBERLY BRENNAN  
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