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REQUEST FOR ASSIGNMENT RECORDAL

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231



Dear Sir:

Please record the attached assignment document.

1. Names of conveying parties: BRIEN G. RAU and ANDRE W. OLIVIER
2. Name and address of receiving party: Digicourse, Inc.
5200 Toler Street,
Harahan, Louisiana 70123
3. Nature of conveyance: Assignment
Execution Date: September 24, 1998
4. Application No.: 09/161,271
The execution date of the patent application is September 24, 1998.
5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning the attached document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of patent applications involved: 1

7. Total fee: \$40.00

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[X] The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the fee payment accompanying this communication and to credit any excess payment of fees to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.

8. Statement and signature

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.

October 29, 1998

Date

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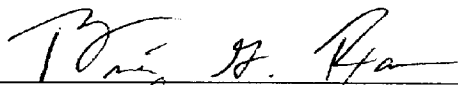
WHEREAS, Brien G. Rau, residing at 826 Newman Avenue, Jefferson, Louisiana 70121, and André W. Olivier, residing at 9725 Robin Lane, River Ridge, Louisiana 70123, made an invention as set forth in the application for United States Letters Patent, Serial No. 09/161,271 entitled UNDERWATER CABLE ARRANGEMENT, filed Sept. 28, 1998, (the Serial Number and filing date of which may be subsequently inserted if necessary to identify the invention);

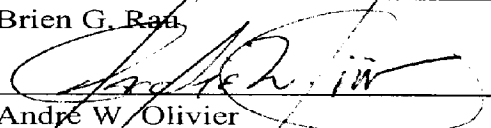
AND WHEREAS, DIGICOURSE, INC., a Corporation of Louisiana and having a place of business at 5200 Toler Street, Harahan, Louisiana 70123 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable considerations, hereby is sold, assigned, transferred and set over unto said Corporation, its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as set forth in the above mentioned application, and in and to any and all patents of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued for said invention;

UPON SAID CONSIDERATIONS, it is agreed with said assignee that no conflicting act or writing will follow, and that, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of said assignee, such additional assignments and other writings and such additional acts as said assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant will be undertaken and all necessary assistance and testimony in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights accruing as a result of such applications or patents will be rendered either for the benefit of said Corporation or its assigns and legal representatives, and if the inventor is not available or able to do so, the assignee is authorized to take action in the inventor's place.

And the Commissioner of Patents is requested to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said invention to said Corporation, its legal representatives, successors or assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to said patent and the invention covered thereby.

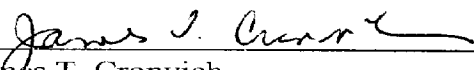


Brien G. Rau


André W. Olivier

State of Louisiana)
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Parish of Jefferson)

On this 24 day of September, 1998, before me personally appeared Brien G. Rau and André W. Olivier named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that it was executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



James T. Cronvich
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: at death

JAMES T. CRONVICH
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Commissioned in the Parish
of Jefferson and qualified
throughout the State of Louisiana
My commission is recorded in the
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