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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, **Dale W. Malik**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 1035 Redfield Lane, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338, have invented certain inventions and improvements disclosed in an application for Letters Patent entitled "**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DELAYING THE RINGING OF A LINE**", executed herewith and about to be filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; and

WHEREAS, **BellSouth Corporation**, a corporation of the State of Georgia having a principal place of business at 1155 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3610, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I, **Dale W. Malik**, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto **BellSouth Corporation**, the full, exclusive and entire right, title, and interest in and to said application, in and to any divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, and in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed and described in said application, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States resulting from said application, or from a division, continuation, or reissue thereof, to **BellSouth Corporation**, as the assignee, for its interest and for the sole use and benefit of **BellSouth Corporation** and its assigns and legal representatives;

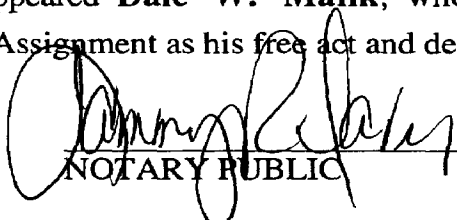
For the same consideration, I, by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer to **BellSouth Corporation**, the full, exclusive, and entire right, title and interest in and to any foreign application or applications corresponding to said application, in whole or in part, in countries other than the United States, in and to any Letters Patent and similar protective rights granted on said foreign applications, and in and to the right to claim any applicable priority rights arising from or required for said foreign applications under the terms of any applicable conventions, treaties, statutes, or regulations; said foreign applications to be filed and issued in the name of **BellSouth Corporation**, or its designee insofar as permitted by applicable law.

AND, for the same consideration, I agree to sign all lawful papers, execute all division, continuing, reissue and other applications, make all assignments and rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid **BellSouth Corporation**, its successors, assigns, and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for all said inventions and improvements in all countries throughout the world.

  
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**Dale W. Malik**

STATE OF GEORGIA

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Georgia, on this 15 day of November, 1998, personally appeared **Dale W. Malik**, who being duly sworn, signed and acknowledged the foregoing Assignment as his free act and deed.

  
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