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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Perry Wayde Merritt, whose residence address is 1152 Dover Way, Broomfield, Colorado 80020; June Mullins, whose residence address is 1185 South University Drive, Denver, Colorado 80210; Ian Fraiser Reeve, whose residence address is 13153 Elizabeth Street, Thornton, Colorado 80241; Paul David VonBehren, whose residence address is 1926 Pine Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302; and Kenneth L. Willis, whose residence address is 573 Manorwood Lane, Louisville, Colorado 80027; (the "Assignors"); having invented a certain new and useful invention for "**SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZING DATA STORAGE IN A RAID SYSTEM**" for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application being identified as Docket No.98-048-DSK, and herewith executed on the date listed hereinbelow; and

WHEREAS, Storage Technology Corporation, a Delaware corporation, whose post office address is 2270 South 88th Street, Louisville, Colorado 80028; (the "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention and application for Letters Patent in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration from said Assignee, we the aforesaid, Perry Wayde Merritt, June Mullins, Ian Fraiser Reeve, Paul David VonBehren, Kenneth L. Willis, hereby sell, transfer and set over to the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention and the aforesaid application, for the territory of the United States of America and for all foreign countries, and to all Letters Patent, divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, substitutions, reissues, re-examinations and extensions to be obtained therefor; and we further agree to cooperate with the said Assignee hereunder in the obtaining and the sustaining of any or all such Letters Patent but at the expense of the said Assignee.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested to issue the Letters Patent solely in accordance with this Assignment, to the said Assignee, its

successors, legal representatives and assigns, as the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein.

Further, we agree that we will communicate to said Assignee, or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all division, continuation, continuation-in-part, substitution, reissue, re-examinations and extension applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said Assignee, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything necessary or desirable to aid said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

This Assignment is executed by Perry Wayde Merritt, June Mullins, Ian Fraiser Reeve, Paul David VonBehren, Kenneth L. Willis, as of the date(s) set forth below to be effective as of the respective date(s) set forth below.




Perry Wayde Merritt

11/11/98
Date



June Mullins

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Date



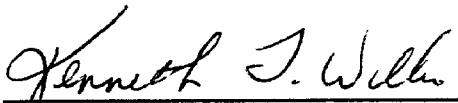
Ian Fraiser Reeve

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