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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

(Accompanying Application)

Whereas We the undersigned inventors have invented certain new and useful improvements as set forth in the patent application entitled:

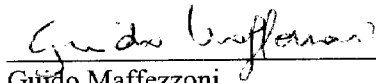
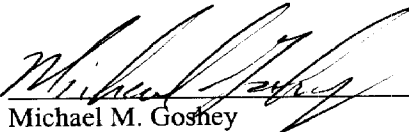
DRIVE PREPARATION METHODS FOR INTELLIGENT BACKUP SYSTEMS

(Atty. Docket No: ADAPP067) for which we have executed an application for a United States Letters Patent.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, We the undersigned inventors hereby:

- 1) Sells, assigns and transfers to **Adaptec, Inc.**, a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 691 S. Milpitas Blvd., Milpitas, California 95035, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), the entire right title and interest in any and all improvements and inventions disclosed in, application based upon, and Patent (including foreign patents) granted upon the information which is disclosed in the above referenced application.
- 2) Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patents resulting from said application or any division, continuation, substitute or reissue thereof to the ASSIGNEE.
- 3) Agree to execute all papers and documents and, entirely at the ASSIGNEE's expense, perform any acts which are reasonably necessary in connection with the prosecution of said application, as well as any derivative and applications thereof, foreign applications based thereon, and/or the enforcement of patents resulting from such applications.
- 4) Agree that the terms, covenants and conditions of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of the Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representative, and shall be binding upon the inventors, as well as the inventor's heirs, legal representatives and assigns.
- 5) Warrant and represent that we have not entered, and will not enter into any assignment, contract, or understanding that conflicts with this assignment.

Signed on the dates indicated beside our signatures.

- 1) Signature:  Date: 02/23/99
Typed Name: Guido Maffezzoni
- 2) Signature:  Date: 2/23/99
Typed Name: Michael M. Goshey