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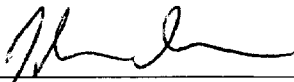
ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, John Robert Shannon, residing at 196 Palisades Drive, Daly City, CA 94015, James Copland Moyer, residing at 6381 Wisteria Way, San Jose, CA 95129 and Michael Ren Hsing, residing at 19850 Lanark Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070, are the inventors named in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING A DISCHARGE LAMP IN A BACKLIGHTED DISPLAY, Serial No. 09/209,586, filed on 12/11/98;

AND, WHEREAS, Monolithic Power Systems, Inc., California corporation, having a principal place of business at 5131 Moorpark Avenue, Suites 301 & 302, San Jose, CA 95129-2100 (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring our entire right and title to and interest in our invention disclosed in said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, for sufficient, good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE our entire right and title to and interest in said application and said invention, including the right to apply for international patents and patents thereon in foreign countries in our name or in the name of ASSIGNEE, said invention and all applications and patents on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE as entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this sale, assignment and transfer not been made, and we do hereby further agree and promise to execute all instruments and render all such assistance as ASSIGNEE may request in order to make and prosecute any and all applications on said invention, to enforce any and all patents on said invention, and to confirm in ASSIGNEE legal title to said invention and all applications and patents on said invention, all without charge to ASSIGNEE but at no expense to us.

Executed at SAN JOSE (city), CALIFORNIA (state), this 18th
day of March, 1999.



John Robert Shannon

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that John Robert Shannon is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument

Executed at SAN JOSE (city), CALIFORNIA (state), this 18th day of March, 1999.

Michael Ren Hsing
Michael Ren Hsing

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Michael Ren Hsing is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated: _____

(Seal or stamp)

Signature
Notary Public
My appointment expires _____

JWB:cah