



U.S. Department of Commerce  
Patent and Trademark Office

Recordation Form Cover Sheet  
Patents Only

Additional name(s) & address(es) - continued:

2. David S. Krozier  
123 Westfield Drive  
North Attleboro, MA 02760
3. Leo A. Plouffe  
1290 Smith Street  
Dighton, MA 02764

A 40887

**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, the undersigned inventor (or one of the undersigned joint inventors), of residence as listed, having invented certain new and useful improvements as below entitled, for which application for United States Letters Patent is made, the said application having been executed on the date set forth below; and

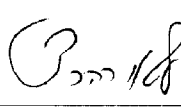
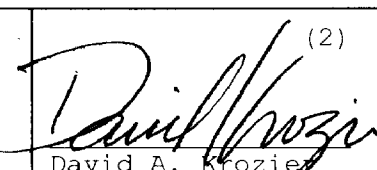

WHEREAS, TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with a place of business at 7839 Churchill Way, MS 3999, Dallas, Texas 75251, is desirous of acquiring my entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, and to the said application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell and assign to the said TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED, its successors and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and in and to the said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, reexaminations and extensions thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for said invention, or patent resulting therefrom, insofar as my interest is concerned, to the said TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED, as assignee of my entire right, title and interest.

I also hereby sell and assign to TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED, its successors and assigns, my foreign rights to the invention disclosed in said application, in all countries of the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents under the terms of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the European Patent Convention, and the Patent Cooperation Treaty and further agree to execute any and all patent applications, assignments, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such patent rights.

I hereby further agree that I will communicate to said TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED, or to its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and at the expense of said assignee company, testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, reissue, reexaminations and substitute applications, make all lawful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid said TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED, its successors, assigns and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set hand and seal this day and year;

TITLE OF INVENTION	OPTICAL SWITCHING APPARATUS		
SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR AND NAME	(1)  Herzel Laor	(2)  David A. Krozier	(3)  Leo A. Plouffe
DATE	May 10, 1999	5-11-99	May 11, 1999
RESIDENCE (City, County, State)	Boulder, Boulder, Colorado	North Attleboro, Bristol, Massachusetts	Dighton, Bristol, Massachusetts
DATE Application Executed	May 10, 1999	5-11-99	May 11, 1999

After recording return Assignment to:

Texas Instruments Incorporated  
34 Forest Street, M/S 20-21  
Attleboro, Massachusetts 02703