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PATENT APPLICATION
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ASSIGNMENT

I, John H. Givens, of 3030 West Bonner Street, Meridian, Idaho, have invented a method and apparatus entitled UTILIZATION OF ENERGY ABSORBING LAYER TO IMPROVE METAL FLOW AND FILL IN A NOVEL INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE, hereinafter called the "invention."

Preferred embodiments of said invention are disclosed in a United States patent application executed concurrently herewith by me and now identified as File No. 11675.106 of the law firm of Workman, Nydegger & Seeley, 1000 Eagle Gate Tower, 60 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, and filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Serial No. _____ on _____. (I hereby authorize the attorneys of Workman, Nydegger & Seeley to insert said serial number and filing date when known.)

The Assignee, Micron Technology, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 8000 South Federal Way, Boise, Idaho 83707-0006, desires to secure the entire right, title and interest in said invention.

For good and valuable consideration paid to me by the Assignee, the receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I HEREBY ASSIGN TO THE ASSIGNEE:

The entire right, title and interest in said invention in the above-identified United States patent application and in all divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of Letters Patent or Patents granted thereon, and in all corresponding applications filed in countries

foreign to the United States, and in all patents issuing thereon in the United States and foreign countries.

The right to file foreign patent applications on said invention in its own name, wherever such right may be legally exercised, including the right to claim the benefits of the International Convention for such applications.

I hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and such Patent Office officials in foreign countries as are duly authorized by their patent laws to issue patents, to issue any and all patents on said invention to the Assignee as the owner of the entire interest, for the sole use and behoof of the said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.


I hereby agree, without further consideration and without expense to me, to sign all lawful papers and to perform all other lawful acts which the Assignee may request of me to make this Assignment fully effective, including, by way of example but not of limitation, the following:

Prompt execution of all original, divisional, substitute, reissue, and other United States and foreign patent applications on said invention, and all lawful documents requested by the Assignee to further the prosecution of any of such patent applications.

Cooperation to the best of my ability in the execution of all lawful documents, the production of evidence, nullification, reissue, extension, or infringement proceedings involving said invention.

This assignment and agreement shall be binding upon my heirs and legal representatives.


Dated this 6 day of February, 1996³



John H. Givens

STATE OF IDAHO)
) : ss.
COUNTY OF Ada)

On 6 February, 1997, before me personally appeared John H. Givens, known to me to be the person described and who signed the foregoing Assignment in my presence and acknowledged under oath before me that he has read the same and knows the contents thereof and that he executed the same as his free act and deed and for the purposes set forth therein.


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Residing at Boise Idaho

My Commission Expires:
6-12-98