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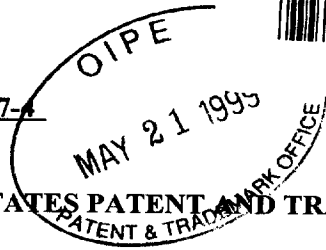


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JULIAN H. COHEN  
*(type or print name of person certifying)*

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**IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICATION(S) AND/OR PATENT(S)  
FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) RECORDAL  
(37 C.F.R. § 3.21 and 37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(4))**

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. §3.21.

NOTE: § 3.21 does not apply to documents other than assignment. Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72 at 67).

1. This assignment is for the following patent application and/or issued patent:

National application: SN: 09/262,703 filed on MARCH 4, 1999

Provisional application: filed on

International application: PCT

Patent No: Issued:

(complete if applicable) which was previously assigned and recorded

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NOTE: If an assignment of a patent application filed under § 1.53(b) is executed concurrently with, or subsequent to, the execution of the patent application, but before the patent application is filed, it must identify the patent application by its date of execution, name of each inventor, and title of the invention so that there can be no mistake as to the patent application intended. If an assignment of a provisional application under § 1.53(c) is executed before the provisional application is filed, it must identify the provisional application by name of each inventor and title of the invention so that there can be no mistake as to the provisional application intended. 37 C.F.R. § 3.21.

(also complete the following, if applicable)

[ ] and also for the applications and/or patents  
shown on the attached list of FURTHER  
APPLICATION(S) and/or PATENT(S) BEING ASSIGNED

Number of pages added \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND/OR PATENTS  
AND TOTAL FEE**

NOTE: All requests to record documents must be accompanied by the appropriate fee; a fee is required for each application or patent against which the document is recorded as identified in the cover sheet. The recording fee is set in § 1.21(h). 37 C.F.R. §3.41.

2. A. The total number of applications and/or patents identified in this cover sheet is 1  
B. The total fee is (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)):

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Total number of applications  
and/or patents

C. Payment of fee is made by:

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the attached check for \$ 40.00.

Please charge Account \_\_\_\_\_  
the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

A duplicate of this cover sheet is attached.

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**NAME OF PARTY(IES) CONVEYING INTEREST**

(37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(1))

*NOTE* "The term 'party' as used in this rule [§ 3.31] means the person whose name appears on the documents to be recorded, that person's attorney or registered agent, or a corporate officer where a corporation's name appears on the documents." Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72, at 65); M.P.E.P. § 302.07, 6th ed.

3. The party(ies) conveying interest is (are):

Name 1: MARIO SPATAFORA

Name 2:

Name 3:

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY(IES) RECEIVING INTEREST**

(37 C.F.R. § 3.31 (a)(2))

4. The rights are being conveyed to:

Name: G.D SOCIETA' PER AZIONI  
Address: 40133 BOLOGNA (ITALY)  
VIA POMPONIA, 10

**DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST CONVEYED OR  
TRANSACTION RECORDED (37 C.F.R. § 3.31 (a)(3))**

5. The accompanying document intends to accomplish:

- an assignment.
- a security agreement.
- a merger.
- a license.
- a change of name.
- a change of address.
- other:

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY TO WHOM  
CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE MAILED (37 C.F.R. § 3.31 (a)(5))**

6. Please address correspondence to:

Name: JULIAN COHEN  
Address: C/O LADAS & PARRY  
26 WEST 61st STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10023  
Telephone No.: ( ) Reg. No. 20302 (212) 708-1813

**DATE ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) EXECUTED  
(37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(7))**

7. A.  The attached assignment (document) was executed on APRIL 30, 1999.  
Date

*NOTE: If there is more than one conveying party who executed on different dates, indicate the date of execution of the assignment document for each conveying party.*

B.  The attached assignment was executed by MARIO SPATAFORA  
Name  
on APRIL 30, 1999.  
Date

The attached assignment was executed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Date

The attached assignment was executed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Date

The attached assignment was executed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
on \_\_\_\_\_.  
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Name  
on \_\_\_\_\_.  
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Name  
on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Date

## LANGUAGE OF ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO BE RECORDED

*NOTE: "The Office will accept and record non-English language documents only if accompanied by an English translation signed by the individual making the translation," 37 C.F.R. § 3.26.*

8. The attached document:

is in the English language.

is not in the English language and an English translation signed by the individual making the translation is attached.

## ORIGINAL DOCUMENT OR TRUE COPY SUBMITTED

*NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 3.24.*

9. Submitted herewith is:

the original document.

a true copy of the original document, which I certify to be a true copy.

*NOTE: "If the original [assignment] document is two-sided or the wrong size, the practitioner can comply with the requirement [set out in 37 C.F.R. § 3.24] by providing a true copy of the original document using only one side of each page on the correct size paper." Notice of June 24, 1992, 1140 O.G. 63-76, at 67.*

*NOTE: "Certification shall be made by the person submitting a copy of an original document that the document submitted is a true copy of the original. The certification is not required to be in an oath or declaration form." M.P.E.P., 6th ed., § 302.01.*

## ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO RECORD CHANGE OF ADDRESS

*(check item, if applicable)*

10.  Because the purpose of the attached documents is to record a change of address of the assignee, the particulars of the previously recorded assignments for each application and/or patent are shown.

## ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO RECORD CHANGE OF NAME

*(check item, if applicable)*

11.  Because the purpose of the attached documents is to record a change of name of the assignee, the particulars of the previously recorded assignments for each application and/or patent are shown.

**CHANGE OF PATENT MAINTENANCE FEE ADDRESS**

*(check item, if applicable)*

12. [ ] A change of address to which correspondence is to be sent regarding patent maintenance fees is being sent to the Office separately.

**STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(9)) AND  
SIGNATURE (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(10))**

13. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

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Date: May 18, 1999

JULIAN H. COHEN  
Name of party submitting document

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of party submitting document

*(complete the following, if the party submitting the document is applicant's attorney)*

  
SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

Reg. No.: 20,302

JULIAN H. COHEN  
*(type or print name of practitioner)*

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Total number of pages submitted

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A S S I G N M E N T

Serial No. 09/262,703

Filed March 4, 1999

Title "UNIT FOR SUPPLYING A STRIP TO A USER MACHINE"

For one dollar Mr. Mario SPATAFORA, an Italian subject the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign(s) to: G.D SOCIETA' PER AZIONI

40133 BOLOGNA (Italy) Via Pomponia, 10

its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed by the undersigned on April 30, 1999, and in said application and any and all other applications in the United States, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee:

G.D SOCIETA' PER AZIONI

The undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the date and serial number of said application when officially known.

The undersigned warrant(s) themselves (himself) to be the owners (owner) of the interest herein assigned and to have the right to make this assignment; and further warrant(s) that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other rights in the interest herein assigned.

For said considerations the undersigned hereby agree(s) upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns to execute any and all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and any and all applications and other documents for Letters Patent on said invention or improvements, that said assignee, its successors or assigns, may deem necessary or expedient, and for the aforesaid consideration the undersigned further agrees upon the request of said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the matter of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, the undersigned hereby agreeing to perform, upon request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent in the United States and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the said assignee, its successors and assigns, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment and sale had not been made.

Witness our (my) hand(s) and seal(s) this 30th day of April, Nineteen Hundred and 99.

Witnesses:

 (Seal)  
Mario SPATAFORA

1) \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

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