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ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, I Mark JOHNSTON, residing at 12205 Tiverton Lane, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060; a citizen of the United States;

Hereby sell, assign, and transfer to White Oak Semiconducotr Partnership, a partnership organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 6000 Technology Boulevard, Sandston, Virginia 23150, hereinafter "Assignee", its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in and for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, which has been executed by the undersigned concurrently herewith,

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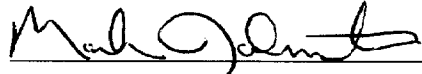
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and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other applications for Letters Patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of said improvements; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on said improvements;

Agree that Assignee may apply for and receive Letters Patent for said improvements in its own name, and that, when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said Assignee, their successors, assigns, and legal representatives to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this agreement, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all said improvements; execute all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and representatives, all facts known to the undersigned relating to said improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which said Assignee, its successors, assigns, or representatives shall consider desirable for aiding in securing and maintaining proper patent protection for said improvements and for vesting title to said improvements and all applications for patents and all patents on said improvements, in said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives; and


Covenant with said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the

undersigned, and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned.

 (L.S.)
Mark JOHNSTON

State of Va)
) ss.:
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Before me this 15th day of June, 1999, personally appeared Mark Johnston to me personally known to be the person who is described in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein set forth.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires December 31, 2002