

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Hewlett-Packard Limited (a British Company of Bracknell, England) is, by operation of Section 39 of the United Kingdom Patents Act of 1977 relating to employee inventions, the first owner of the invention entitled "Speech Segmentation" devised by Roger Cecil Ferry Tucker & Michael John Collins and subject of a patent application first filed before the European Patent Office on 7 June 1996 and numbered 96 3 042 84.1.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with an agreement between Hewlett-Packard Limited and Hewlett-Packard Company (a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business in Palo Alto, California), Hewlett-Packard Limited hereby, in all non-European countries except for those countries or territories in which a granted European Patent (UK) or UK patent may be registered, assigns to Hewlett-Packard Company, its successors and assigns, the right of priority under the above identified Application and the right to file and prosecute an application for Letters Patent in each of these countries, including, in particular, the Application for United States Letters Patent entitled:

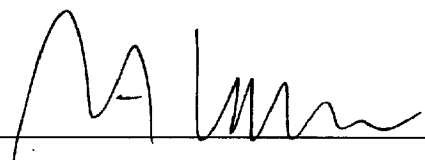
Speech Segmentation

and executed by the inventors named below on the dates indicated:

- executed by Roger Cecil Ferry Tucker (1st inventor) on 6th March 1997
- executed by Michael John Collins (2nd inventor) on 1st April 1997
- executed by _____ (3rd inventor) on _____
- executed by _____ (4th inventor) on _____
- executed by _____ (5th inventor) on _____
- executed by _____ (6th inventor) on _____

and the right to obtain Letters Patent in each of these countries and the right, title and interest in such Letters Patent to the extent agreed between Hewlett-Packard Limited and Hewlett-Packard Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment is executed by a duly authorised representative of Hewlett-Packard Limited

Signed: 

By: Richard Anthony Lawrence

Title: Patent Attorney

Date: 30 April 1999