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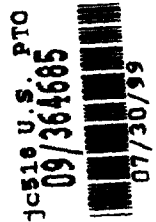
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Sir:

Please record the attached original document or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying parties: James M. HANNAN
Jeffrey S. MCMULLIN

2. Name and address of receiving party:

CREDENCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION
215 Fourier Avenue
Fremont, California 94539

3. The conveyance is an ASSIGNMENT and was executed on July 30, 1999.

4. Properties affected: **09/364685** The patent application that was executed on July 30, 1999 for IMPROVED DOCKING MECHANISM FOR SEMICONDUCTOR TESTER

5. Correspondence regarding the document should be mailed to the address at the bottom of this cover sheet.

6. Total number of properties affected: 1

7. A check including the amount of \$40.00 for the fee **40.00 DP** 3.41 is enclosed.

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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.

Respectfully submitted,

Penelope Stockwell
Penelope Stockwell, Admin. Asst.

July 30, 1999
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A S S I G N M E N T

(To Be Submitted With Application)

WHEREAS, we, James M. Hannan, and Jeffrey S. McMullin, both residents of Portland, Oregon, are joint inventors of an improvement in or relating to IMPROVED DOCKING MECHANISM FOR SEMICONDUCTOR TESTER for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, CREDDENCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 215 Fourier Avenue, Fremont, California 94539, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, James M. Hannan and Jeffrey S. McMullin, assign and transfer to CREDDENCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION, our entire legal and equitable right, title, and interest for the territory of the United States of America, and for all foreign countries, in and to the invention described and claimed in the application executed by us on 7-30-99, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States for said invention (and we authorize our attorneys of record to insert the date of execution of the application); said invention, application, and Letters Patent in this or any foreign country, and all divisions, continuations, reissues, and extensions thereof, to be held and enjoyed by the said CREDDENCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION for its own use and behalf, and for its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which Letters Patent may be granted in this or any foreign country, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made, and we warrant that we have full right to do so, and agree that we shall communicate to the said CREDDENCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION, or its successors and assigns any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue

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applications, make all rightful declarations, and generally do everything possible to aid CREDENCE SYSTEMS CORPORATION, its successors and assigns to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in this or any foreign country.

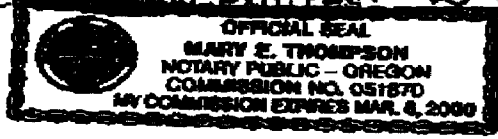
EXECUTED at Beaverton, Oregon, this 30th day of July, 1999, by

James M. Hannan
James M. Hannan

STATE OF OREGON)
) ss.
County of Washington)

This 30th day of July, 1999, before me personally came the above-named James M. Hannan, who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes set forth therein.

Mary E. Thompson
Notary Public for Oregon
My commission expires: 3-6-2000



EXECUTED at Beaverton, Oregon, this 30 day of July, 1999, by

Jeffrey S. McMullin
Jeffrey S. McMullin

STATE OF OREGON)
) ss.
County of Washington)

This 30th day of July, 1999, before me personally came the above-named Jeffrey S. McMullin, who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes set forth therein.

Mary E. Thompson
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