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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I, ETIENNE BARNARD, have made a certain new and useful invention as set forth in an application for United States Letters Patent, AUTOMATICALLY DETERMINING THE ACCURACY OF A PRONUNCIATION DICTIONARY IN A SPEECH RECOGNITION SYSTEM, executed by us on the date of execution of this document, as shown below, and filed concurrently herewith;

OR

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on June 24, 1999, and identified by United States Serial No. 09/344164;

AND WHEREAS, SPEECHWORKS INTERNATIONAL, INC., a corporation of the State of Massachusetts and having an address of 695 ATLANTIC AVENUE, THIRD FLOOR, BOSTON, MA 02201 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained therefor;

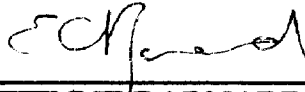
NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt for and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto SPEECHWORKS INTERNATIONAL, INC., its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as set forth in the above-mentioned application, including any continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, reissues, re-examinations or extensions thereof, and in and to any and all patents of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued for said invention;

UPON SAID CONSIDERATIONS, I hereby agree with the said assignee that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that I will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of said assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuations, continuations-in-part, reexamined, reissued, or extended Letters Patent of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of the assigns and legal representatives of assignor and assignee;

AND I request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said invention to said SPEECHWORKS

INTERNATIONAL, INC., its legal representatives, successors or assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to said patent and the invention covered thereby.

July 20, 1999



Date

ETIENNE BARNARD

STATE OF _____)

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COUNTY OF _____)

On this _____ day of _____, 1999, before me personally appeared ETIENNE BARNARD, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Notary Public

My commission expires _____