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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Marco Pasotti, Frank Lhermet and Pier Luigi Rolandi (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), having post office addresses of Via Benedetto Croce, 3, 27028 S. Martino Siccomario, Italy; Via Asiago, 2D, 20059 Vimercate, Italy; and Via Pietra del Gallo, 34, 15059 Monleale, Italy, respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "METHOD FOR MAINTAINING THE MEMORY CONTENT OF NON-VOLATILE MEMORY CELLS," as described and claimed in the specification forming part of an application for United States letters patent executed herewith claiming priority based on an application filed in Europe identified by Application No. 98830536.3, filed September 15, 1998;

WHEREAS, STMicroelectronics S.r.l. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of Italy, having a place of business at Via C. Olivetti, 2, I-20041 Agrate Brianza, Italy, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all countries of the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all countries of the world, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file applications worldwide directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from the first filed application to which said worldwide applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had ASSIGNORS been the original owners and this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNORS agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for

United States and letters patent in all countries of the world on said invention, for litigation regarding letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

Marco Pasotti
Marco Pasotti
Date: August 5, 1999

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that the above person signed this instrument of his own free will, as a voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Witness Lina D'ONOFRIO
Lina D'ONOFRIO
Date: August 5, 1999

Frank Lhermet
Frank Lhermet
Date: August 5, 1999

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Witness Maria PISERCHIA
Maria PISERCHIA
Date: August 5, 1999

Pier Luigi Rolandi
Pier Luigi Rolandi
Date: August 5, 1999

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Witness Flavio ROSSI
Flavio ROSSI
Date: August 5, 1999

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