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1 **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

2 Inventorship England
3 Applicant Microsoft Corporation
4 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-408US
Title: Verifying the Presence of an Original Data Storage Medium

5 **PATENT ASSIGNMENT**

6 **PARTIES TO THE ASSIGNMENT**

7 Assignor(s):

8 Paul England
9 16659 Northrup Way
Bellevue, WA 98008

10 Assignee:

11 Microsoft Corporation
12 A Corporation in the State of Washington
13 One Microsoft Way
Redmond, WA 98052

14 **AGREEMENT**

15 WHEREAS, ASSIGNOR(S) (listed above) are inventor(s) of an invention
16 entitled "Verifying the Presence of an Original Data Storage Medium," as
17 described and claimed in the specification forming part of an application for
18 United States letters patent executed herewith;

19 WHEREAS, Microsoft Corporation (hereinafter referred to as
20 ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Washington having a place of business
21 at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052, is desirous of acquiring the entire
22 right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that
23 may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the
25 receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR(S) hereby sell, assign and

1 transfer unto ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said
2 invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for
3 said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in
4 any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and
5 continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the
6 name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States
7 application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international
8 convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on
9 said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and
10 assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and
11 entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR(S) had this
12 assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR(S) hereby authorize
13 and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent
14 on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR(S) agree to execute all instruments
15 and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United
16 States and foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding said
17 letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters
18 patent therefor.

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Date

Paul England

State of Washington)

) ss.

County of King)

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Paul England is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he or she signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his or her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated FEB. 17, 2000

Signature of Notary Public

[Handwritten signature of Joseph A. Hoggard]

My appointment expires

April 15, 2002

