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Jason A. Sattler

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**(2) Name And Address Of Party Receiving The Interest:**

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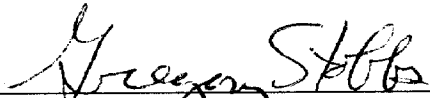
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If, for some reason, Applicant(s) has/have not paid a sufficient fee, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any further fees which may be due. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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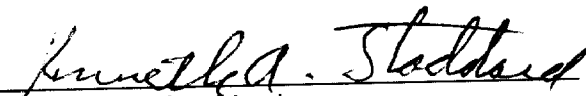
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# ASSIGNMENT BY JOINT INVENTORS

WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignors, have invented **SHARED OPERATING UNIT FOR A NETWORK OF PROGRAMMABLE EQUIPMENT** for which Assignors are about to make United States application for patent; and

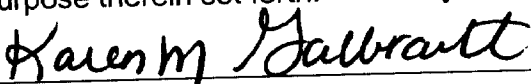
WHEREAS, TRELIS SOFTWARE & CONTROLS, INC., a Michigan corporation, having a place of business at 2619 Product Drive, Suite 106, Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309, hereinafter referred to as Assignee(s), is (are) desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

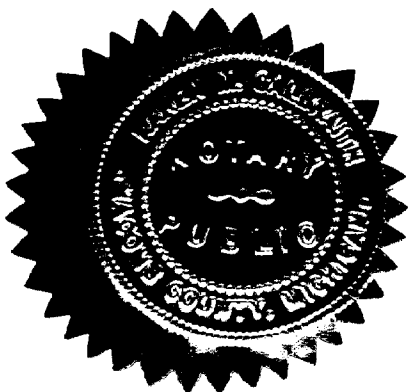
NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignors by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee(s) TRELIS SOFTWARE & CONTROLS, INC., successors in interest, the full and exclusive right in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States and the Paris Convention, to the said invention as described in the specification executed by Assignors of even date preparatory to filing a United States application for patent therefor, said invention and all United States applications for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee(s) to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignors had this assignment and sale not been made; and Assignors hereby covenant and agree to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of applications for patent in the United States and in all foreign countries, for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to the said invention, the United States application for patent, or Letters Patent therefor for the benefit of Assignee(s) without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States of America to Assignee(s).

  
Kenneth A. Stoddard  
(First joint inventor)

State of Michigan )  
County of Oakland ) ss.

On this 22 day of March, 2000, before me personally appeared Kenneth A. Stoddard, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

  
Notary Public,  
KAREN M. GALBRAITH  
Notary Public, Oakland County, Michigan  
My Commission Expires May 29, 2000  
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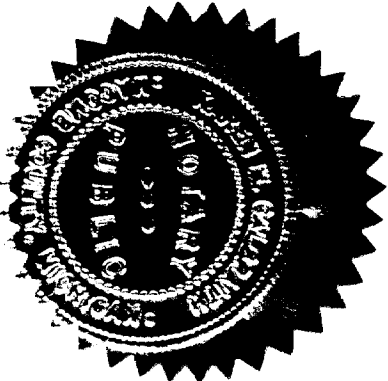


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R. William Kneifel II  
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(Second joint inventor)

State of Michigan )  
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On this 22 day of March, 2000, before me personally appeared R. William Kneifel II, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein set forth.



Karen M Galbraith  
Notary Public, **KAREN M. GALBRAITH**  
Notary Public, Macomb County, Michigan  
My Commission Expires May 29, 2000  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason A. Sattler  
Jason A. Sattler  
(Third joint inventor)

State of Michigan )  
County of Oakland ) ss.

On this 22 day of March, 2000, before me personally appeared Jason A. Sattler, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein set forth.



Karen M Galbraith  
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