

ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, we

-1 Brian Mitchell Bass

of: Apex, NC

and (2) Jean Louis Calvignac

of: Cary, NC

and (3) Marco C. Heddes

of: Raleigh, NC

and (4) Steven Kenneth Jenkins

of: Raleigh, NC

and (5) Michael Steven Siegel

of: Raleigh, NC

and (6) Fabrice Jean Verplanken

of: Cary, NC

have invented certain improvements in

Method and System for Network Data Flow Management

and have executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on

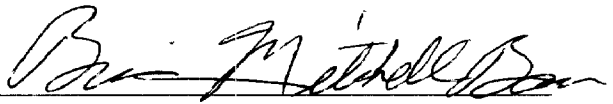
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And whereas, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, a corporation of New York, having a place of business at Armonk, New York 10504, (hereinafter called IBM), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

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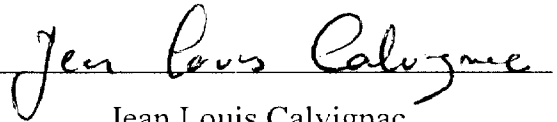
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on: 3-7-2000




Brian Mitchell Bass

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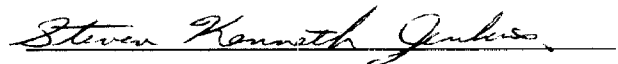
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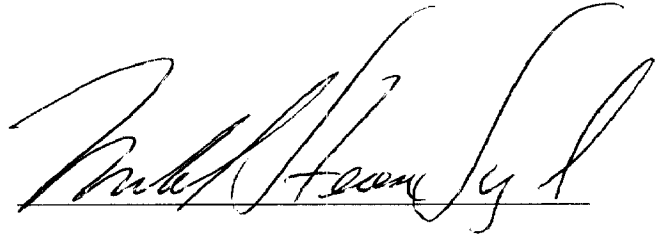
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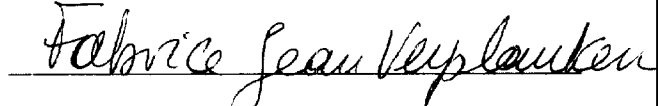
Steven Kenneth Jenkins

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