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# Assignment

Whereas, we

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of Mohegan Lake  
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(2) Yves Martin  
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(3) Hemantha K. Wickramasinghe  
County of Westchester

of Chappaqua  
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TITLE

have invented certain improvements in  
AN ASSEMBLY COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF MEDIA PROBES FOR  
WRITING/READING HIGH DENSITY MAGNETIC DATA

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

DATES THAT  
INVENTORS  
SIGNED THE  
DECLARATION

(1) *march 14*, 2000, (2) *march 14*, 2000, and  
(3) *march 31*, 2000.

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;

Now therefore, for a valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we, the above named, hereby sell, assign, and transfer to IBM, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention therein disclosed for the United States and foreign countries, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the inventions set forth in said applications to IBM, its successors and assigns; and we hereby agree that IBM may apply for foreign Letters Patent on said invention and we will execute all papers necessary in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by IBM.

Signed and sealed

CITY AND  
DATE

(1) at *Yorktown Hts, NY*  
on *3/14*, 2000,

*Hendrik Hamann* SIGNATURE  
Hendrik F. Hamann  
FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL LAST NAME

CITY AND  
DATE

(2) at *Yorktown Hts, NY*  
on *3/14*, 2000,

*Yves Martin*  
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Yves Martin  
FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL LAST NAME

CITY AND  
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(3) at *Yorktown Hts, NY*  
on *3/30*, 2000,

*Hemantha K. Wickramasinghe*  
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State of *New York* )ss.:  
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(1) On this *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*, 2000, before me personally came HENDRIK HAMANN to me personally known, and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

*Kathleen Cognatello*  
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(2) On this *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*, 2000, before me personally came YVES MARTIN to me personally known, and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

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(3) On this *30<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*, 2000, before me personally came HEMANTHA K. WICKRAMASINGHE to me personally known, and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

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