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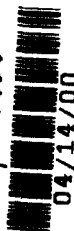


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(1) Pankaj Rohatgi  
County of Westchester

of New Rochelle  
and State of New York

TITLE

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COMMITMENTS IN SIGNATURES

DATES THAT  
INVENTORS  
SIGNED THE  
DECLARATION

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on  
(1) April 14, 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;

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Signed and sealed

CITY AND  
DATE

(1) at Yorktown Pt NY  
on April 14, 2000,

Pankaj Rohatgi SIGNATURE  
( Pankaj Rohatgi ) INVENTOR  
FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL LAST NAME

State of New York )ss:  
County of Westchester )

INVENTOR  
(1)

On this 14th day of April, 2000, before me personally came Pankaj Rohatgi 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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