DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Name: Mark M. Meininger

Registration No. 32,428

Date: May 24, 2000

Total number of pages including cover sheet:

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Albert Szu-chi Wang (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), of the City of Kirkland, of the County of King and the State of Washington, am the inventor of an invention entitled Palettized Image Compression, as described and claimed in the specification forming part of an application for United States letters patent being filed herewith;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made.

ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and

ASSIGNMENT - PAGE 1 OF 2

PATENT REEL: 010819 FRAME: 0470

Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

Executed at the place and date opposite my signature below.

Albert Szu-chi Wang

on this $\frac{18}{100}$ day of $\frac{May}{1000}$, 2000

STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF KING

RECORDED: 05/24/2000

This 18 day of 19, 2000, before me personally came the abovenamed Albert Wang, who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes set

forth therein.

Notary Public for Washington

My commission expires: 10.0705

ASSIGNMENT - PAGE 2 OF 2

PATENT REEL: 010819 FRAME: 0471