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**PATENT**

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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, Robert John Tinsley, City of Durham, State of North Carolina, Peter Joseph Marsico, City of Carrboro, State of North Carolina, and David Michael Sprague, City of Raleigh, State of North Carolina, (hereinafter "Assignors"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING MESSAGE TRANSLATION, ACCOUNTING AND ROUTING SERVICE IN A MULTI-PROTOCOL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK ENVIRONMENT which we now make application for a U.S. Letters Patent.

AND, WHEREAS, Tekelec, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, having its principal office and place of business at 26580 West Agoura Road, Calabasas, California (hereinafter "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring an interest therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, his/her or their entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and application, and in and to any and all United States patent applications filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) pertaining to said invention and/or which claim priority to the United States provisional patent application referenced above, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions of any U.S. or foreign patent application filed on the invention, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues or extensions thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with his/her or their right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the

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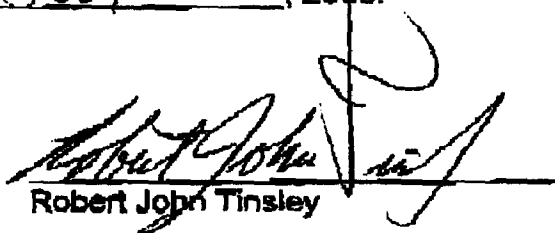
entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this assignment and sale had not been made.

Assignors hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

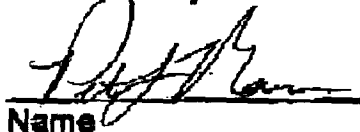
Assignors further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, Assignors possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that they have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

Assignors further covenant and agree, and likewise bind their heirs, legal representatives and assigns, to promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the Assignee, its representatives, successors and assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the Assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives.

Executed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 2000.

  
Robert John Tinsley

Witnessed by:

  
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Executed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000.

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