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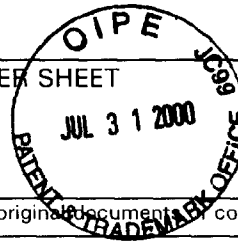
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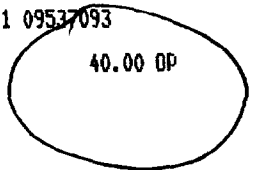
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WHEREAS, I/we the undersigned are inventors/joint inventors ("Inventors") of the invention entitled;

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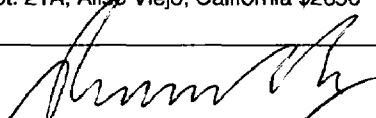
- for which an application for a United States Patent was filed on **March 29, 2000**, application Ser. No. **09/537,093**.
OR
 attached hereto.

WHEREAS, Signature Control Systems, Inc., ("Assignee") a corporation of California, with a principal business address of 4780 Eucalyptus Ave., Chino, California 91710, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention throughout the world, and all right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Inventors by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee the full and exclusive right to the invention throughout the world, and said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all divisions, continuations, reissues, reexaminations, and extensions thereof, and any and all Patents which may be granted therefor in the United States and foreign countries, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Patents are or may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Inventors if this assignment and sale had not been made. I/we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said United States Patent on said invention or resulting from said application and from any and all divisions, continuations, reexaminations, reissues, and extensions thereof to said assignee, of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same. I/we hereby covenant and agree, upon request, to execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title of said invention and Patents to Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, and that if Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives shall desire to file any divisional or continuation application or to secure a reissue or re-examination of such Patent, or to file a disclaimer relating thereto, will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the filing of such divisional, continuation, reissue or reexamination, and for the filing of such disclaimer, without further compensation but at the expense of Assignee, its successors or other legal representatives. I/we further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, communicate to Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, such facts relating to said invention and Patent or the file history thereof as may be known to us, and to testify as to the same in any interference or other litigation when requested to do so, without further compensation but at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives. I/we further authorize our attorneys to insert such identification information into this Assignment as is deemed reasonably necessary to identify the application.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Inventors have executed this Assignment.

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| First or sole inventor: BRIAN J. SMITH Residence Address 23411 Summerfield, Apt. 21A, Aliso Viejo, California 92656 | Date 7/28/2000 |
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