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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

JOINT

WHEREAS, Robert J. Drost, of 112 Montelena Court, Mountain View, CA 94040, Neil C. Wilhelm, of 2110 Prospect St., Menlo Park, CA 94025, hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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Application No.: 09/524,683; and

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

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