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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, **Gary Bruce Lipton**, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 5907 St. Thomas Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27705; **Harry Clarkson Johnson IV**, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 1100-L Lady's Slipper Court, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606; and **Jonathan Calvin White**, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 1149 Newberry Drive, Mebane, North Carolina 27302;

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in METHODS, APPARATUS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS THAT PERFORM LAYOUT VERSUS SCHEMATIC COMPARISON OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS USING ADVANCED SYMMETRY RESOLUTION TECHNIQUES for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been executed by us concurrently herewith, and

WHEREAS, Avant! Corporation, a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 46871 Bayside Parkway, Fremont, CA 94538, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues 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 the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as

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

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

We further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us 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, or 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this ________ day of February, 2000.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
) ss:
COUNTY OF DURHAM)

Before me personally appeared **Gary Bruce Lipton** to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes therein stated, this day of February, 2000.

Notary Public

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IN WITNESS WHEREC	OF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this <u>17</u>
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLIN	NA)) ss:
COUNTY OF DURHAM)
Before me personally ap	peared Jonathan Calvin White to me known to be the
person described in and who exe	ecuted the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me
that he executed the same for the	e purposes therein stated, this day of February, 2000.
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