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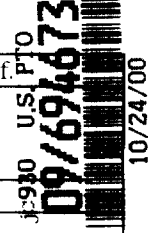
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# ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS I:

Ciaran Murphy, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, residing at 6 Kempton Heath, Navan Road, Dublin 7, Eire (hereinafter ASSIGNOR), have invented new and useful improvements in:

IDENTIFYING AN EDGE SWITCH AND PORT TO WHICH A NETWORK USER IS ATTACHED

for which an application for a patent for said invention in the United States of America is currently being executed and in respect of which an earlier application was filed as follows:

No. 0017316.1 in Great Britain on 15 July 2000.

AND WHEREAS:

3Com Corporation, a corporation of Delaware, having an office and place of business at 5400 Bayfront Plaza, Santa Clara, California 95052-8145, United States of America (US), hereinafter called ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the whole interest in and to the invention

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and by virtue of other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNOR by these presents hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and all other countries, as described in the accompanying specification, and the aforesaid British application, said right including the right to claim priority from the said British application in respect of the United States and all foreign countries and territories. I the ASSIGNOR hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue Letters Patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, for the sole use and behalf of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

AGREED and executed as noted below:

Ciaran Murphy

Name: Ciaran Murphy

11<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2000

Date

Witnessed by: John Healy