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For good and valuable consideration, We, Guo-Qing WEI, 94 Elsie Drive, Plainsboro, NJ 08538, a citizen of China; Jianzhong QIAN, residing at 3 Oxford Court, Princeton, NJ, a citizen of ~~China~~; Helmut SCHRAMM, Neunkirchen, Germany, a citizen of Germany;

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hereby sell, assign, and transfer to Siemens Corporate Research, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 755 College Road East, Princeton, NJ 08540,

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_____(L.S.)
Helmut SCHRAMM

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) ss:
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Before me this day of . 2000, personally appeared Helmut SCHRAMM to me personally known to be the person who is described in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

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