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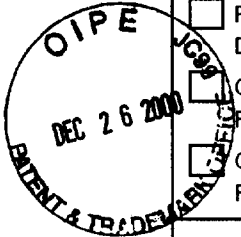
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WHEREAS, David R. Machin and Jon Anton, of the United States of America, residing at 2538 Knightbridge Dr., Santa Maria, California 93455 and 2259 Clear Lake Drive, Santa Maria, California 93455, respectively (hereinafter "Assignors"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in ON-LINE BENCHMARKING SYSTEM AND METHOD, for which an application for United States Letters Patent, was filed on August 31, 2000 and assigned U.S. Serial No. 09/652,029;

WHEREAS, BenchmarkPortal, Inc. having a place of business at 127 West Clark Avenue, Suite 207, Orcutt, California 93455 (hereinafter "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, and in and to the said application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon, and Assignors are desirous of assigning their entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and in and to the said application, and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors do hereby sell, assign and transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and in and to the said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, substitutions, reexaminations, continuations and extensions thereof; and Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, to Assignee.

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Assignors hereby further agree to communicate to Assignee, its successors, assigns and representatives, any facts known respecting any improvements, and at the request and expense of Assignee, to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, reissue, reexamination and substitute applications, make all lawful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors, assigns and representatives to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

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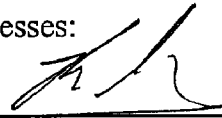
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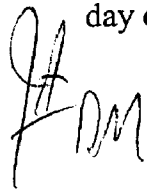
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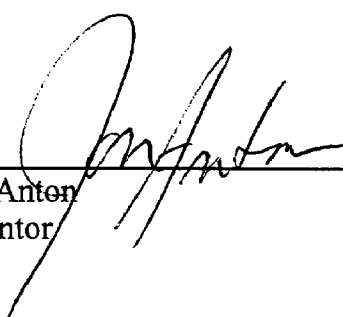
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