

ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS WE:

Jon James Burgess, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at 6 Apsley Grange, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP3 9SY, England, Graeme Andrew Hickman, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at 7 Pipers Avenue, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 1HB, England, Shaun Paice, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at 24 Lammas Park Road, Ealing, London, W5 5JB, England, Dominic Mark Robert Ashworth, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at 59a Normanby Road, Dollis Hill, London, NW10 1BU, England and Paul Roger Garner, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at 87 Keats Way, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 0DP, England (hereinafter ASSIGNORS), have invented new and useful improvements in:

MULTI-PORT NETWORK COMMUNICATION DEVICE WITH SELECTIVE MAC ADDRESS FILTERING

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. 0001686.5 in Great Britain on 25 January 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 ASSIGNORS 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. We the ASSIGNORS 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:

Jon Burgess
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13 December 2000
Date

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RICHARD BRADFORD

G. Hickman
Name: Graeme Andrew Hickman

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Date

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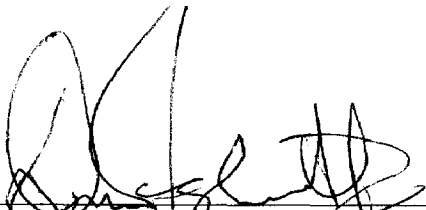
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Date

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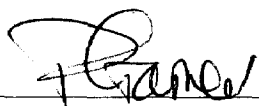
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