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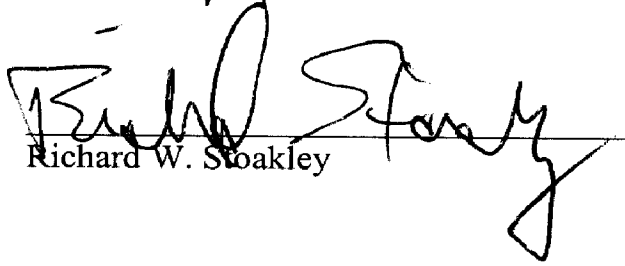
**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, Richard W. Stoakley, of 5118 Wallingford Avenue North, Seattle; James B. Kurtz, of 14711 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Place #J-2, Bellevue; James F. Springfield, of 12301 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Woodinville; Todd J. Green, of 1629 Summit Avenue #401, Seattle; Suzan M. Andrew, of 5221 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NE, Seattle; and Justin Mann, of 2609 NE 195<sup>th</sup>, Lake Forest, all of the County of King and State of Washington, (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), are the joint inventors of an invention entitled **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CLUSTERING AND GROUPING TASKBAR BUTTONS**, as described in the specification forming part of an application for United States letter patent executed herewith;

WHEREAS, Microsoft Corporation (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Washington having a place of business at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNORS agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

EXECUTED this 25 day of SEPT, 2000.

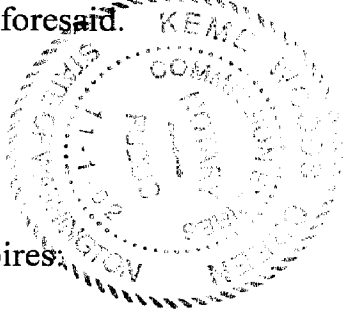
  
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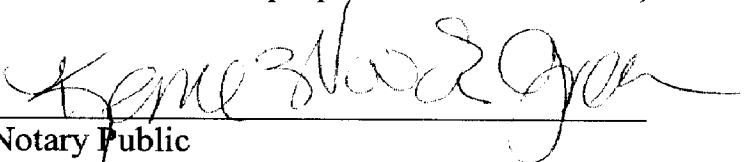
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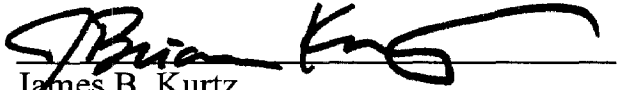
  
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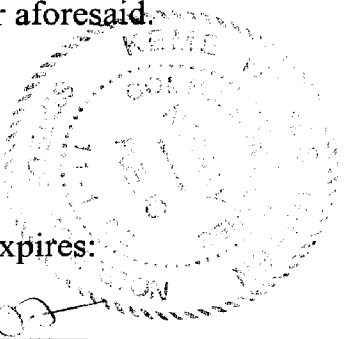
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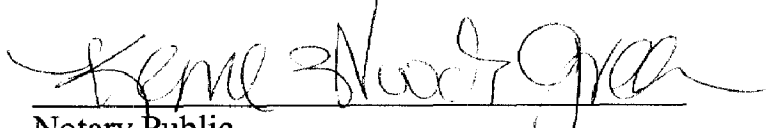
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James B. Kurtz

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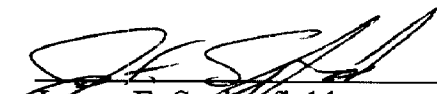


  
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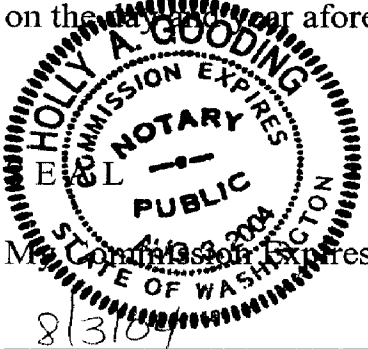
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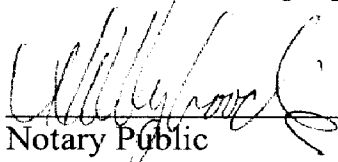
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James F. Springfield

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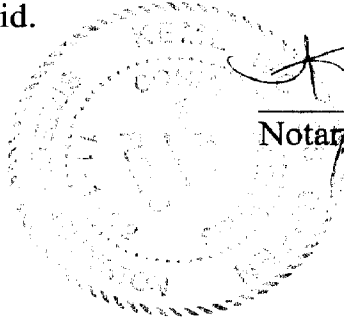
  
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Todd J. Green  
Todd J. Green

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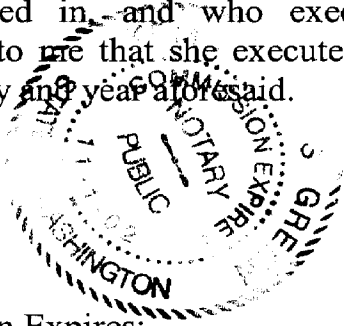
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*Suzan M. Andrew*  
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Before me personally appeared Susan M. Andrew, to me known to be the person described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and she duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth, on the day and year aforesaid.

*Gene Haddock*  
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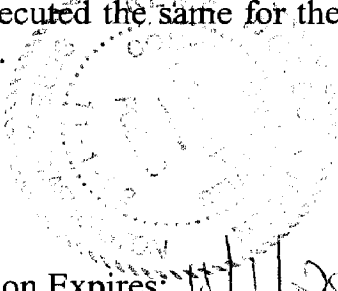
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Justin Mann  
Justin Mann

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