

ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS WE:

Sorcha O'Callaghan, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, residing at 13 Hilltop Park, Cobh, Co. Cork, Ireland. Neil Oliver Fanning, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, residing at Kilclough, Kilworth, Co. Cork, Ireland. Kevin Jennings, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, residing at 4 Woodstown Way, Knocklyon, Dublin 6, Ireland, Eugene O'Neill, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, residing at 18 Stillorgan Heath, Upper Kilmacud Road, Dublin 14, Ireland and Joseph Noel Butler, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, residing at 61 Cruachen Park, Galway, Ireland, (hereinafter ASSIGNORS), have invented new and useful improvements in:

NETWORK SWITCH WITH MUTUALLY COUPLED LOOK-UP ENGINE AND NETWORK PROCESSOR

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. 0102310.0 in Great Britain on 30 January 2001.

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:

Sorcha O'Callaghan 12th March 2001
Name: Sorcha O'Callaghan Date

Witnessed by: Jerome Nolan
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Neil Fanning 12/3/01
Name: Neil Oliver Fanning Date

Witnessed by: Jerome Nolan
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Kevin Jennings 15/3/01
Name: Kevin Jennings Date

Witnessed by: Fiona Devaney
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Eugene O'Neill

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Name: Eugene O'Neill

Date

Witnessed by: Paul Miller

DAVID ANTONIA NOLAN

J. N. Butler

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Name: Joseph Noel Butler

Date

Witnessed by: Paul Miller

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