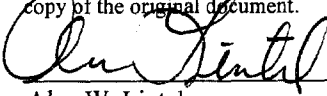


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The undersigned does hereby sell, assign, and transfer to Assignee the entire right, title and interest to all applications (including provisional, divisional, continuations, substitutions, reissues, and extensions), which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries and under the terms of any treaties or conventions (including the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and the European Patent Convention) relating to said invention and any of said improvements; and in and to all rights of priority resulting from the filing of any such applications.

The undersigned agrees that Assignee may apply for and receive patents for said invention and improvements in its own name; and that, when requested, without charge to, but at the expense of, Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this Assignment, the undersigned will execute all provisional, divisional, continuations, substitutions, reissues, extensions, and all other patent applications on any and all said improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to Assignee, its successors, assigns, and representatives, all facts known to undersigned relating to said inventions and improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which Assignee, its successors, assigns or representatives shall consider desirable for aiding in securing and maintaining proper patent protection for said inventions and improvements, and for vesting title to said invention and improvements, and all applications for patents and all patents on said invention and improvements, in Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

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- ☐ Which was filed on _____, _____, and assigned Serial No. _____

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have duly executed this Assignment on the date indicated below:

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| Signature: <u>Anthony Mazzurco</u> Anthony Mazzurco 4121 New Forest Drive, Plano, Texas 75093, US | Date: <u>5/11/01</u> |
| Signature: <u>Joseph A. Crossett III</u> Joseph A. Crossett III 1104 Eton, Richardson, Texas 75080, US | Date: <u>5/11/01</u> |

Signature: _____

Scott A. Thompson

1880 Sawmill Drive, Lucas, Texas 75002, US

Date: _____

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 11th day of May, 2001, personally appeared Anthony Mazzurco, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 11th day of May, 2001.

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 11th day of May, 2001, personally appeared Joseph A. Crossett III, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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