

ASSIGNMENT

Attorney Docket No: MICR0212
MS#158500.1

WHEREAS, we, **Robert D. Ruge**, residing at 5032 152nd Place S.E., Everett, Washington 98208; **Eric A. George**, residing at 9404 208th Avenue N.E., Redmond, Washington 98053; and **Sigmund Mandel**, residing at 5234 Brooklyn Avenue N.E., Seattle, Washington 98105 (hereinafter ASSIGNORS); are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "CASH FLOW FORECASTING," as described and claimed in the specification forming part of an application for United States letters patent,

Robert D. Ruge having executed a Declaration for the application on the 15TH day of MAY, 2001 (insert the date that you signed the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for this application);

Eric A. George having executed a Declaration for the application on the 15 day of MAY, 2001 (insert the date that you signed the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for this application); and

Sigmund Mandel having executed a Declaration for the application on the 15 day of May, 2001 (insert the date that you signed the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for this application);

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, Washington 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.

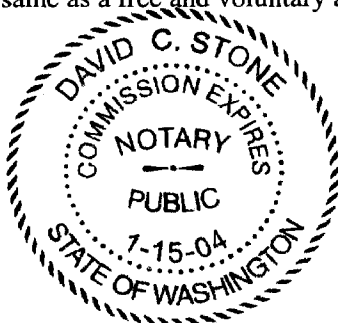
Executed at Redmond (city), Washington, this 15th day of May, 2001.

R. Ruge
Robert D. Ruge

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KING)

On this 15th day of May, 2001, **Robert D. Ruge** personally appeared before me, to me known or proven to be the individual named above who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that the individual signed the same as a free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

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Typed or Printed Name of Notary Public
Notary Public in and for the State of WA
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My commission expires 1-15-2004



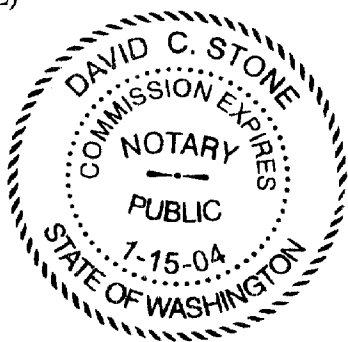
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Eric A. George

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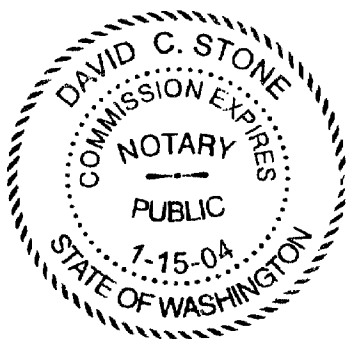
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Sigmund Mandel

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