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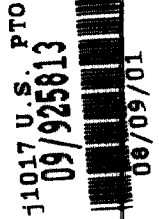
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ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, **Wolfgang Witz** of 4 Elm Creek Dr., Apartment 312, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126, and **Gerold D. Anderka** of Holsteiner Chaussee 439, Ellerbek, Germany 27474, and **Bernd Bastiansen** of Pferdekoppel 17, Wedel, Germany 22880, and **Ralf Polley** of Parkweg 30, Wedel, Germany 22880, (hereinafter referred to singly and collectively as "ASSIGNOR") have invented a certain invention entitled **FREE INK SYSTEM** (Attorney Docket No. 27069/166) for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed by ASSIGNOR on January 19, 2000 and January 25, 2000; and

WHEREAS, **Sanford L.P.**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and having its principal place of business at 29 East Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois 60132 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire interest therein;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents hereby sells, assigns, and transfers, unto ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to (a) the above-identified invention or inventions and all improvements and modifications thereof, (b) the above-identified application and all other applications for Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto for the above-identified invention or inventions and all improvements and modifications thereof, (c) all Letters Patent which may issue from said applications in the United States and countries foreign thereto, (d) all divisions, continuations, reissues, and extensions of said applications and Letters Patent, and (e) the right to claim for any of said applications the full benefits and priority rights under the International Convention and any other international agreement to which the United States adheres; such right, title, and interest to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all such Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this Assignment not been made.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY AUTHORIZES AND REQUESTS the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE as assignee of the entire interest, for the sole use and benefit of ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY AGREES (a) to communicate to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, or their representatives or agents, all facts and information known or available to ASSIGNOR respecting said invention or inventions, improvements, and modifications including evidence for interference, reexamination, reissue, opposition, revocation, extension, or infringement purposes or other legal, judicial, or administrative proceedings, whenever requested by ASSIGNEE; (b) to testify in person or by affidavit as required by ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in any such proceeding in the United States or a country foreign thereto; (c) to execute and deliver, upon request by ASSIGNEE, all lawful papers including, but not limited to, original, divisional, continuation, and reissue applications, renewals, assignments, powers of attorney, oaths, affidavits, declarations, depositions; and (d) to provide all reasonable assistance to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in obtaining and enforcing proper title in and

Executed this 22nd day of February, 2000.

Gerold D. Anderka

Gerold D. Anderka

State of _____)
) ss.
County of _____)

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared Gerold D. Anderka, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

(Seal)

Executed this 22nd day of February, 2000.

Bernd Bastiansen

Bernd Bastiansen

State of _____)
) ss.
County of _____)

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared Bernd Bastiansen, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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