FORM PTO-1595 (modified)

(Bev\6-93)

08-17-2001

101813996

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ER SHEET

Patent and Trademark Office

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copies thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Wolfgang Witz Gerold D. Anderka Bernd Bastiansen Ralf Polley

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Sanford L.P. 29 East Stephenson Street Freeport, Illinois



Additional conveying party(ies)

NO

3. Nature of conveyance:

ASSIGNMENT

Execution Dates:

02/10/2000, 02/22/2000

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?

B. Patent Number(s):

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

N/A

A. Patent Application Number(s):

09/498913

Additional numbers attached? NO

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

> Christopher M. Turoski FOLEY & LARDNER Firstar Center 777 East Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-5367

6. Total number of applications/patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 C.F.R. § 3.41):

\$40.00

Check Enclosed Х

Charge to deposit account

8. Deposit account number:

06-1447

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

9. Statement and signature:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional recordation fees which may be required in this matter to the above-identified deposit account.

Christopher M. Turoski

Registration No. 44,456 Name of person signing

Signature

Date

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: 8

08/16/2001 LMUELLER 00000266 09925813

01 FC:581

40.00 OP

Attorney Docket No. 27069/196

PATENT

REEL: 012071 FRAME: 0020

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

Page 1 of 4

protection for said invention or inventions, improvements, and modifications under the intellectual property laws of the United States and countries foreign thereto.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS that ASSIGNOR has the full and unencumbered right to sell, assign, and transfer the interests sold, assigned, and transferred herein, and that ASSIGNOR has not executed and will not execute any document or instrument in conflict herewith.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY GRANTS to the law firm of Foley & Lardner the power and authority to insert in this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this Assignment.

ASSIGNOR UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES that the attorneys and agents of the law firm of Foley & Lardner do not personally represent ASSIGNOR or ASSIGNOR's legal interests, but instead represent the interests of ASSIGNEE; since said attorneys and agents cannot provide legal advice to ASSIGNOR with respect to this Assignment, ASSIGNOR acknowledges its right to seek its own independent legal counsel.

Executed this 10 day of Fib	_, 20 <u><i>00</i></u>
State of	Wolfgang Witz
County of DuPage Iss.	
On this 10 day of 500, b Wolfgang Witz, who is personally known to me to be the same instrument, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed spale voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.	efore me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing ad, and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and
JOSTA V KALASMIKI NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 11/18/03	Juk halasmin
(Seal)	My Commission Expires: 11/18/03

Executed this <u>22nd</u> day of <u>Februar</u>	<u>y</u> , 20 <u>00</u> .
	Gerelel Courier
	Gerold D. Anderka
State of	
County of	
On this day of	, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared e same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing ealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and
	Notary Public
	·
(Soal)	My Commission Expires:
Executed this 22nd day of Februar	Bernd Bastiansen
State of	
County of	
On this	, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing ealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and
	Notary Public

. Executed this _22nc	day of February , 2000.	
	Boll Falls	
State of	Ralf Polley	
County of)ss.	
Ralf Polley, who is personally known	, 20, before me, a notary public in and for said county, a to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing I that he/she signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/her free es therein set forth.	
	Notary Public	
(Saal)	My Commission Expires:	