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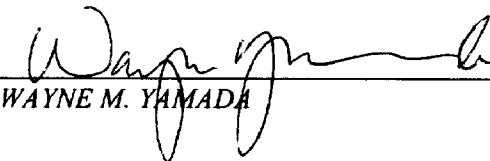
ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, I, WAYNE M. YAMADA, a United States citizen, residing at San Jose, California, have invented certain new and useful improvements in DISK DRIVE INCLUDING CONDUCTIVE PATH BETWEEN DISK DRIVE BASE AND COVER THROUGH FASTENER SUPPORT (hereafter "Improvements") for which I have executed an application for a United States Patent filed Herewith, Application No. Unknown (hereafter "Application"); and

Whereas, Western Digital Technologies, Inc. (hereafter "Assignee"), a Delaware Corporation, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Improvements and the Application.

Now, therefore, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the inventor, do hereby acknowledge that I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assignees, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the Improvements, and the Application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereof and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for the Improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patents for the Improvements to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

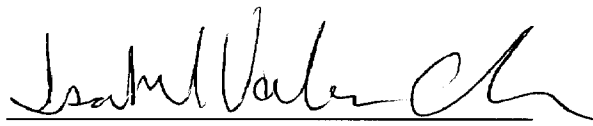
I hereby covenant and agree that I will communicate to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting the Improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and aid the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the Improvements in all countries.


WAYNE M. YAMADA
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Date

State of CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
County of SANTA CLARA)

On September 26, 2001, before me, Isabel Valencia Ching, Notary Public, personally appeared WAYNE M. YAMADA and proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.


Notary Signature



ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, I, NORMAN K. WATKINS, a United States citizen, residing at Morgan Hills, California, have invented certain new and useful improvements in DISK DRIVE INCLUDING CONDUCTIVE PATH BETWEEN DISK DRIVE BASE AND COVER THROUGH FASTENER SUPPORT (hereafter "Improvements") for which I have executed an application for a United States Patent filed Herewith, Application No. Unknown (hereafter "Application"); and

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Norman K. Watkins 9-26-2001
NORMAN K. WATKINS Date

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