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## ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

For value received, we, Miron (NMI) Abramovici of Berkeley Heights in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, Charles E. Stroud of Charlotte in the County of Mechlenburg and State of North Carolina hereby sell, assign and transfer to Agere Systems Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having an office at 555 Union Boulevard, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18109, U.S.A., and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, 50% of the right, title and interest, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, a corporation of the state of North Carolina and having an office at 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28223, U.S.A. and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, 50% of the right, title and interest for the United States of America, in and to certain inventions related to IDENTIFYING FAULTY PROGRAMMABLE INTERCONNECT RESOURCES OF FIELD PROGRAMMABLE GATE ARRAYS described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed by us of even date herewith, and all the rights and privileges in said application and under any and all Letters Patent that may be granted in the United States for said inventions; and we also concurrently hereby sell, assign and transfer to Agere Systems Inc. and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (50% each) the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions for all countries foreign to the United States, including all rights of priority arising from the application aforesaid, and all the rights and privileges under any and all forms of protection, including Letters Patent, that may be granted in said countries foreign to the United States for said inventions.

We authorize Agere Systems Inc. and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (50% each) to make application for such protection in their own names and maintain such protection in any and all countries foreign to the United States, and to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions, without further authorization from us, any and all benefits, including the right of priority provided by any and all treaties, conventions, or agreements.

We hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any document which may be required in any country in proof of the right of Agere Systems Inc. and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (50% each) to apply for patent or other form of protection for said inventions and to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority.

We request that any and all patents for said inventions be issued to Agere Systems Inc. and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (50%) in the United States and in all countries foreign to the United States, or to such nominees as Agere Systems Inc. and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (50% each) may designate.

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