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Applicant ..... Microsoft Corporation  
Attorney's Docket No. .... MICR0252  
Title: QUERYING APPLICATIONS USING ONLINE MESSENGER SERVICE

## PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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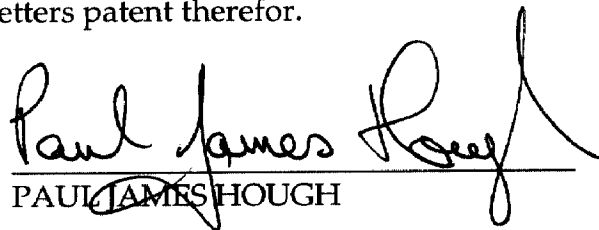
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WHEREAS, **Microsoft Corporation** (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Washington having a place of business at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in 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;

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