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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS,

Govindaraj Sampathkumar residing at Durham, North Carolina

(herein called "THE UNDERSIGNED") has made an invention and has executed concurrently herewith an application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application entitled MASTER NODE SELECTION IN CLUSTERED NODE CONFIGURATIONS and being further identified by IBM Docket No. SJO920010172;

AND WHEREAS International Business Machines Corporation (herein called "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized under the laws of New York, and having an office and place of business at Armonk, New York 10504 wishes to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and patent application and any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor,

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, THE UNDERSIGNED hereby sells, assigns and transfers to the ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest to the invention disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the said application, all divisions, continuations, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and THE UNDERSIGNED hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid invention to the ASSIGNEE of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use of the ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

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