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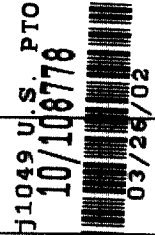
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good and valuable consideration receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned agree to assign, hereby do assign, transfer and set over to:

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- (11) *Insert address of Assignee* (11) of: 6035 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, California 94588 (hereinafter designated as the Assignee)
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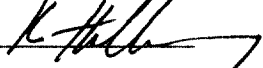
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