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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

**DANIEL T. THOMPSON
KEVIN CONN
ERIK ROBERT NIELSEN
ROBERT J. HASTINGS**

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

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Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, DANIEL T. THOMPSON, KEVIN CONN, ERIK ROBERT NIELSEN and ROBERT J. HASTINGS, are joint inventors of COMPUTER SERVER HOT PLUG FAN TRAY ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF FAN REMOVAL application for United States Letters Patent application Serial No. 10/038,799, filed December 31, 2001; and

WHEREAS, COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P. ("CITG"), a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention throughout the world, and all right, title and interest in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid by CITG and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to CITG, all right, title and interest in and to the said invention throughout the world, and said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all divisions, continuations, reexaminations and reissues thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by CITG for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries are or may be granted, reexamined or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States on said invention or resulting from said application and from any and all divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, to CITG, as assignee of our entire interest, and hereby covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

And we further hereby covenant and agree that we will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title of said invention and to such Letters Patent as may be granted therefor, to CITG, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives and that if CITG, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives shall desire to file any divisional or continuation applications or to secure a reexamination or reissue of such Letters Patent, or to file a disclaimer relating thereto, will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the filing of such divisional or continuation application, or such application for reissue and the procuring thereof, and for the filing of such disclaimer, without further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

And we do further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, communicate to CITG, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, such facts relating to said invention and Letters Patent or the file history thereof as may be known to us, and testify as to the same in any interference or other litigation when requested so to do, without

further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

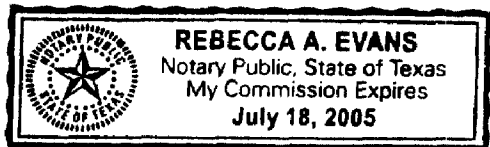
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DANIEL T. THOMPSON

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared DANIEL T. THOMPSON, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this 18 day of March, 2002.




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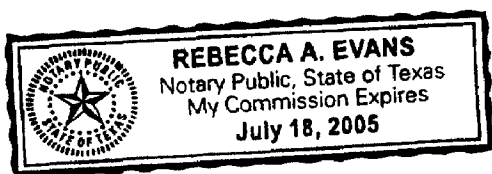
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KEVIN CONN

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared KEVIN CONN, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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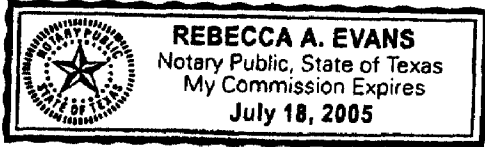
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Erik R. Nielsen
ERIK ROBERT NIELSEN

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared ERIK ROBERT NIELSEN, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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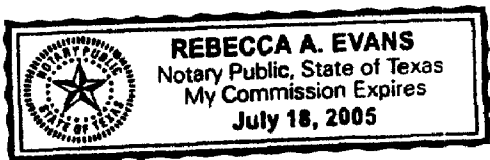
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Robert J. Hastings
ROBERT J. HASTINGS

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared ROBERT J. HASTINGS, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this 25 day of March, 2002.



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