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Attorney Docket No.: 8039906
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WHEREAS, I, Ralph James Knotts, 10707 Leaping Deer Lane, Eden Praire, MN 55344, USA, am the inventor of an invention entitled **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORMING A MAGNETIC FLUID SEAL** that is the subject matter of:

- a provisional application for Letters Patent which is identifiable in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. _____ filed on _____;
- an application for Letters Patent which is identifiable in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. 10/072,498 filed on FEB 5, 2002; and
- an international application for Letters Patent filed pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty which is identifiable in the United States Receiving Office by Application No. _____ filed on _____; and

WHEREAS, Seagate Technology LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and the United States of America, and having offices at 920 Disc Drive, Scotts Valley, California 95066 USA, ("Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the applications, and any and all Letters Patent or similar foreign or domestic legal protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, I transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the above-identified applications, all provisional applications from which any of the above-identified applications claim priority, corresponding domestic and foreign applications, any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute for the applications, all Letters Patent, any reissue, re-examination, or similar legal protection issuing related to the Letters Patent, and all rights and benefits under any applicable treaty or convention; and I authorize the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office or foreign equivalent to issue the Letters Patent or similar legal protection to the Assignee.

I authorize the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to insert in this instrument the filing date(s) and application numbers when ascertained. I further authorize the Assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent or similar legal protection, in its own name if desired, in any and all foreign countries and appoint Assignee the common representative in the above identified international application and any international application for the invention.

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Ralph James Knotts
RALPH JAMES KNOTTS (Inventor)

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Shakopee, MN, a Notary Public, this 31 day of January, 2002..

Angela S. Watson
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