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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we Stefano Gregori, Pietro Ferrari and Guido Torelli, (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), having post office addresses of Via Ticino, 2, 27020 Torre d'Isola, Italy; Via San Pedrino, 5, 21100 Varese, Italy; and Via Cadorna, 4, 27016 Sant'Alessio con Vialone, Italy, respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "MULTIPURPOSE METHOD FOR CONSTRUCTING AN ERROR-CONTROL CODE FOR MULTILEVEL MEMORY CELLS OPERATING WITH A VARIABLE NUMBER OF STORAGE LEVELS, AND MULTIPURPOSE ERROR-CONTROL METHOD USING SAID ERROR-CONTROL CODE," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on November 2, 2001 and assigned Application No. 10/015,949, claiming priority based on Italian Patent Application No. TO2000A 001049, filed November 7, 2000.

WHEREAS, STMicroelectronics S.r.l. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of Italy, having a place of business at Via C. Olivetti, 2, I-20041 Agrate Brianza, Italy, 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 countries of the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all countries of the world, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file applications worldwide directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from the first filed application to which said worldwide applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNORS agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and letters patent in all countries of the world on said invention, for

litigation regarding letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

Stefano Gregori
Stefano GREGORI
Date: March 25, 2002

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that the above person signed this instrument of his own free will, as a voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Witness _____

Date: _____

Pietro Ferrari
Pietro FERRARI
Date: March 25, 2002

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that the above person signed this instrument of his own free will, as a voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

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Date: _____

Guido Torelli
Guido TORELLI
Date: March 25, 2002

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