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A. Patent Application No(s). 10/093,222

B. Patent No(s).

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May 20, 2002
Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, **SHANE J. VAN SLOUN** of 1831 Coney Lane, Waconia, Minnesota 55387; **MARK R. CHRISTIANSON** of 27823 668th Avenue, Darwin, MN 55324; **STEVENSON J. MAREK** of 24718 Upsala Lane, Hutchinson, Minnesota 55350; **JAMES R. MAHONEY** of 5942 Ulm Avenue, Stewart, MN 55385; **MARK A. SCHMIDT** of 65538 CSAH 18, Darwin, MN 55324; and **BRANDON K. FRASER**, 605 Tyler Street SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350; and **JEFFRY S. BENNIN**, 705 Tyler Street S.W., Hutchinson, Minnesota 55350, have invented certain new and useful improvements in INTEGRAL BASE PLATE WITH BOSS TOWER, in which an application was made for Letters Patent of the United States, and which may be identified in the United States Patent Office by Serial No. 10/093,222, filed March 6, 2002, and

WHEREAS, **Hutchinson Technology Incorporated**, a Corporation of the State of Minnesota, and having an address of 40 West Highland Park, Hutchinson, MN 55350-9784, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said **Hutchinson Technology Incorporated**, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue, including all rights under the International Convention, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to the above-mentioned assignee in accordance herewith.

We Further Authorize said assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent, in its own name, if desired, in any and all foreign countries, and additionally to claim the filing date of said United States application and/or otherwise take advantage of the provisions of the International Convention.

We do hereby covenant and agree with the said assignee, its successors and assigns, that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that we or our executors or administrators will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, execute such additional writings and do such additional acts as said assignee, its successors and assigns, may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights, occurring as a result of such

applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals on the date written below.

Shane J. Van Sloun
Shane J. Van Sloun

5/14/02
Date

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) ss.
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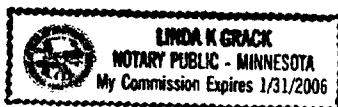
On this 5/14/02, before me personally appeared Shane J. Van Sloun, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Linda K Grack
Notary Public

Mark R. Christianson
Mark R. Christianson

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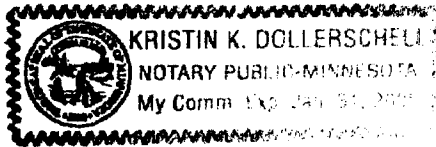
On this 5/14/02, before me personally appeared MARK R. CHRISTIANSON, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

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Stevenson J. Marek
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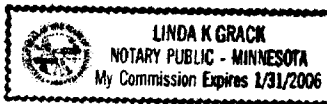
On this 15th day of May 2002 before me personally appeared STEVENSON J. MAREK, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

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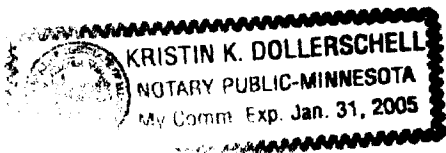
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On this 5/14/02 before me personally appeared JAMES R. MAHONEY, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

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Mark A. Schmidt
Mark A. Schmidt

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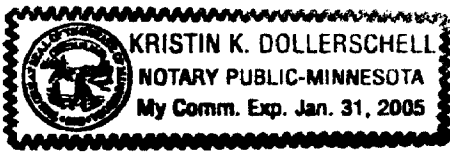
On this 8th day of May 2002 before me personally appeared MARK A. SCHMIDT, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Kristin K. Dollerschell
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Brandon K. Fraser 5/8/02
Brandon K. Fraser Date

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On this 8th day ^{of May} 2002 before me personally appeared BRANDON K. FRASER, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

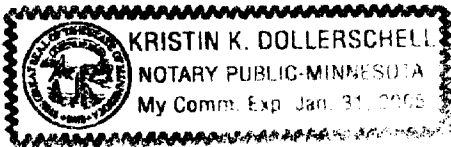


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Jeffry S. Bennin 5/8/02
Jeffry S. Bennin Date

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On this 8th day ^{of May} 2002 before me personally appeared JEFFRY S. BENNIN, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.



Kristin K. Dollerschell
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