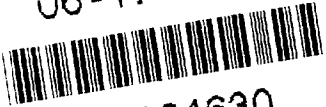


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February 14, 2002, Serial No. 29/155,655

1) The undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application and any continuing or divisional or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient or essential to its full protection and title in and to the invention hereby transferred.

2) The undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning this application or continuation or division or reissue thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

3) The undersigned agrees to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain a grant of a valid United States patent to the Assignee.

4) The undersigned agrees to communicate to the Assignee or representatives thereof any facts known to me respecting the invention, and improvements thereof, and will, upon request, but without expense to me, testify in any legal proceedings regarding the invention.

5) The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States resulting from said application or any division or continuing or reissue applications thereof to the said Assignee, as Assignee of the entire interest, and hereby covenants that he has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he has not executed and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

6) The undersigned hereby grants the firm of DOUGHERTY, CLEMENTS & HOFER the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office for recordation of this document.

7) This Agreement shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, and/or assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and/or assigns of the Assignee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment was executed by the undersigned on the date opposite the undersigned name.

Date 4/11/02 Inventor [Signature] Witness \_\_\_\_\_  
E. GERALD SLAUTTERBACK

Date 4/11/02 Inventor [Signature] Witness \_\_\_\_\_  
RHONDA MACHIN

Date 4/15/02 Inventor [Signature] Witness [Signature]  
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