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AMS Research Corporation
10700 Bren Road West
Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343

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 Yes No

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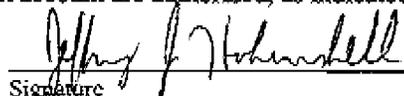
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ASSIGNMENT

Whereas we, the below named inventors, with residences and citizenships as indicated below; have made an invention in

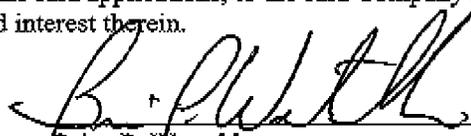
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and have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America based thereon; which application is identified in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/155,710, filed May 24, 2002.

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged we have individually and jointly agreed to assign and transfer and do hereby assign and transfer unto AMS Research Corporation, a corporation of Delaware, having its principal office at 10700 Bren Road West, Minnetonka, Minnesota, 55343 (the "Company") its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all improvements in the said invention made by us or any of us or made jointly with others, and in and to any rights we may have individually or jointly in U.S. U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/294,517, filed May 30, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/325,834, filed September 28, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/355,077, filed February 7, 2002, from which said application claims priority, and in and to any division or continuation (in whole or in part) of said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent, reexaminations, reissues, or extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent, Utility Models, or Inventors' Certificates in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise), which have been or may be granted thereon or on any divisional, continuation (in whole or in part), renewal, reexamination, reissue, or other or further application based in whole or in part upon the said invention or improvements thereon, to be held and enjoyed as fully and exclusively as they would have been by us or any of us had this assignment and transfer not been made,

We do further agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors, and administrators, to execute and deliver without further consideration any further applications, assignments, and documents, and to perform such other acts as we lawfully may, that may be deemed necessary by the said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees, fully to secure its right, title, and interest as aforesaid and to obtain or maintain Letters Patent, Utility Models, or Inventors' Certificates in any and all countries;

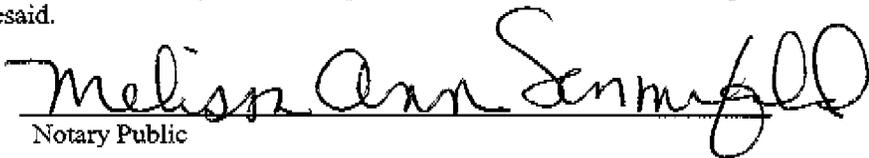
And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted upon any of the said applications, to the said Company (AMS Research Corporation), as the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest therein.



Brian P. Watschke
Residence: Eden Prairie, Minnesota
Citizenship: U.S.A.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Hennepin)

On this 02 day of August, 2002, before me personally appeared the above-named Brian P. Watschke, personally known by me, and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that said person executed the same as said person's free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.



Notary Public



Attorney Docket No. AMS-041

Robert E. Lund

Robert E. Lund
Residence: St. Michael, Minnesota
Citizenship: U.S.A.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Wright)

On this 01 day of August, 2002, before me personally appeared the above-named Robert E. Lund, personally known by me, and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that said person executed the same as said person's free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.

(Seal)



Marilyn J. Lamkin
Notary Public



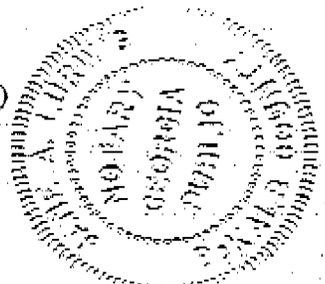
S. Robert Kovac

S. Robert Kovac
Residence: Atlanta, Georgia
Citizenship: U.S.A.

STATE OF Georgia)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Fulton)

On this 15th day of July, 2002, before me personally appeared the above-named S. Robert Kovac, personally known by me, and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that said person executed the same as said person's free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.

(Seal)



Jane A. Lurwig
Notary Public

JANE A. LURWIG
Notary Public, DeKalb County, Georgia
My Commission Expires March 13, 2005

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John W. Westrum, Jr.

 John W. Westrum, Jr.
 Residence: Prior Lake, Minnesota
 Citizenship: U.S.A.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
 COUNTY OF Hennepin) ss.

On this 15 day of August, 2002, before me personally appeared the above-named John W. Westrum, Jr., personally known by me, and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that said person executed the same as said person's free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.



Melissa Ann Sommerfeld

 Notary Public

Johann J. Neisz

Johann J. Neisz
 Residence: Coon Rapids, Minnesota
 Citizenship: Germany

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
 COUNTY OF Hennepin) ss.

On this 6 day of August, 2002, before me personally appeared the above-named Johann J. Neisz, personally known by me, and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that said person executed the same as said person's free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.



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Timothy A. Bachman

Timothy A. Bachman
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Citizenship: U.S.A.

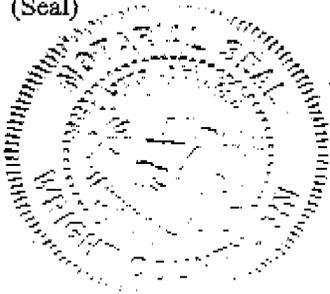
STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF Wright)

On this 01 day of August, 2002, before me personally appeared the above-named Timothy A. Bachman, personally known by me, and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that said person executed the same as said person's free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.

Monty J. Larkin

Notary Public

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Gary A. Rocheleau

Gary A. Rocheleau
Residence: Maple Grove, Minnesota
Citizenship: U.S.A.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Hennepin)

On this 02 day of August, 2002, before me personally appeared the above-named Gary A. Rocheleau, personally known by me, and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that said person executed the same as said person's free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.

Melissa Ann Sommerfeld

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Robert S. Runman
Residence: Forest Lake, Minnesota
Citizenship: U.S.A.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Hennepin)

On this 21st day of August, 2002, before me personally appeared the above-named Robert S. Runman, personally known by me, and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that said person executed the same as said person's free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.

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