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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Mauro PAGLIATO, Paolo ROLANDI and Massimo MONTANARO (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), having mailing addresses of Via Don Guanella, 28, 20021 Bollate, Italy; Via G. Parini, 1, 27058 Voghera, Italy; and Via Leona, 21/A, 27100 Pavia, Italy, respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "READING CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR A MULTILEVEL NON-VOLATILE MEMORY", as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on April 8, 2002 and assigned Application No. 10/118,660. This application claims the benefit of European Patent Application No. 01830248.9, filed on April 10, 2001

WHEREAS, STMicroelectronics, S.r.l. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the Country 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 foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for 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 foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign 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 for their use and benefit and of their 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 foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

Mauro Pagliato
Mauro PAGLIATO
Date: July 17, 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 Luigi Pascucci
Date: July 17, 2002

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