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WHEREAS, WE, SANJEEV SALUJA, a citizen of INDIA, and ANMOL MATHUR, a citizen of INDIA (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS"), have invented a certain invention entitled PROCEDURE FOR OPTIMIZING MERGEABILITY AND DATAPATH WIDTHS OF DATA FLOW GRAPHS for which application for Letters Patent of the United States of America has been filed on June 17, 2002, assigned Serial No. 10/172,941; and

WHEREAS, **CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.**, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the **DELAWARE** and having its place of business at **2655 Seely Avenue, San Jose, California 95134** (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under any Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States of America, its territorial possessions and in any and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and to all Letters Patent or application or similar legal protection, not only in the United States and its territorial possessions, but in all countries foreign thereto to be obtained for said invention by said application, and to any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in the United States or a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted, including all priority rights under the International Convention; and ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and any officials of foreign countries whose duty it is to issue patents or any legal





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