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**AND WHEREAS**, **AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES COMPANY, INC.**, a subsidiary of **AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY** (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York having its principal place of business and mailing address at General Counsel's Office, American Express Tower, World Financial Center, New York, New York 10285-4900, is desirous of memorializing its interest therein;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the undersigned **ASSIGNOR** hereby confirms that **ASSIGNOR** is a full time salaried employee, past employee or a contractor of **ASSIGNEE, AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY** or one of it's subsidiary companies, and that **ASSIGNOR** developed the subject matter of the invention on **ASSIGNEE's** time and at the expense of **ASSIGNEE** and within the scope of **ASSIGNOR's** duties to **ASSIGNEE** and thereby **ASSIGNOR** recognizes that the **ASSIGNEE** owns the invention as described in the aforesaid application. Nonetheless to comport with Patent Office procedures, **ASSIGNOR** memorializes that relationship in the form of this assignment and;

**THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, **ASSIGNOR** by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto **ASSIGNEE**, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to the invention, as described in the aforesaid application, including patent, copyright and any other intellectual property rights, any provisional, non-provisional, continuation, continuation in part, divisional, reissue, reexamination, foreign, PCT or other patent application or like document, or any other application which claims priority to said application, in the United States and all foreign countries, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States adheres, and hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to **ASSIGNEE**, for the sole use and benefit of **ASSIGNEE**, its successors, assigns and legal representatives,

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