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have invented certain new and useful improvements entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR QUANTIFYING TRADEOFFS FOR MULTIPLE COMPETING GOALS IN CIRCUIT DESIGN" described and claimed in the application filed herewith and in United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/474,464, filed May 30, 2003 (hereinafter "said applications").

AND, WHEREAS, Neolinear, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 583 Epsilon Drive, Pinsburgh, Pennsylvania 15238, hereinafter called the "assignee", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said applications and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration paid to us by said assignce, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We do hereby assign, sell, transfer, and set over unto said assignce the entire right, title and interest in and to said applications and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed for the United States and all foreign countries and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States and all foreign countries and all non-provisional patent applications, divisions, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part, renewals, and/or extensions thereof, said assignce to have and to hold the interests herein assigned to the full ends of the terms of said Letters Patent and any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part, renewals, and/or extensions thereof, respectively, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment not been made.

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