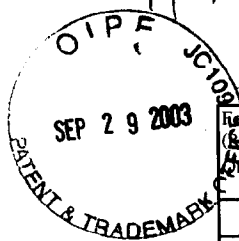


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**AFFIDAVIT OF KEITH A. ZAR, ESQ.**

1. My name is Keith A. Zar, Esq. I am counsel to Next Level Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation. I served as General Counsel for Next Level Communications, Inc., since its formation in November 1999 until April 2003.

2. I was also General Counsel for Next Level Communications, L.P., formerly a Delaware limited partnership, from its formation in January 1998 until its merger into Next Level Communications, Inc., in November 1999.

3. I was also General Counsel for Next Level Communications, formerly a California corporation, from before January 1998 until its merger into Next Level Communications, Inc., in November 1999.

4. On or about January 13, 1998, Next Level Communications assigned and transferred certain assets to Next Level Communications, L.P., pursuant to a Contribution Agreement. The assets assigned to Next Level Communications, L.P., by Next Level Communications included, among other things, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the patents and patent applications identified in Schedule A, attached to this Affidavit, each of which patents and patent applications had previously been assigned to Next Level Communications, and its successors and assigns, by the respective inventors.

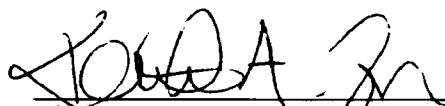
5. At the time of the assignment of these patents and patent applications to Next Level Communications, L.P., I was General Counsel of both Next Level Communications, L.P., and Next Level Communications.

6. When Next Level Communications, L.P., merged into Next Level Communications, Inc., in November 1999, Next Level Communications, Inc., became the owner of, among other things, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the patents and patent

applications identified in Schedule A, attached to this Affidavit.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge and are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and may jeopardize the validity or enforceability of any patent identified in Schedule A or resulting from any patent or patent application identified in Schedule A.

Dated: September 25, 2003

  
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Keith A. Zar, Esq.

County of Sonoma )

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State of California )

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 25 day of September 2003

  
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