

ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, we,

- (1) **Paul Ashmore** of City of **Longmont**
County of and State of **Colorado**
- and (2) **John Matthew Fairhurst** of City of **Winchester**
County of **Hampshire** and State of **United Kingdom**
- and (3) **Michael Huw Francis** of City of **Winchester**
County of **Hampshire** and State of **United Kingdom**
- and (4) **Robert Bruce Nicholson** of City of **Southsea**
County of **Hampshire** and State of **United Kingdom**
- and (5) **Simon Walsh** of City of **Portsmouth**
County of **Hampshire** and State of **United Kingdom**
- and (6) **Barry John Wood** of City of **Waterlooville**
County of **Hampshire** and State of **United Kingdom**

have invented certain improvements in

METHOD FOR MAINTAINING DATA ACCESS DURING FAILURE OF A CONTROLLER

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on

- (1) **July 16, 2003** and (2) and (3)
- and (4) and (5) and (6)

Whereas, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, a corporation of New York, having a place of business at New Orchard Road, Armonk, New York 10504, (hereinafter called IBM), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for a valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we the above named hereby sell, assign, and transfer to IBM, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention therein disclosed for the United States and foreign countries, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in said application to IBM, its successors and assigns; and we hereby agree that IBM may apply for foreign Letters Patent on said invention and we will execute all papers necessary in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by IBM.

SIGNED

(1) P. Ashmore
Paul Ashmore
at Longmont, Colorado on 16th July 2003
(Town where signed) (Date)

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John Matthew Fairhurst
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