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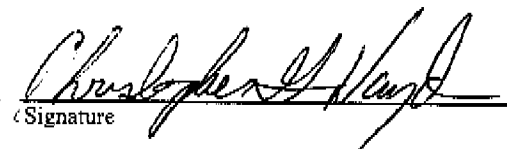
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Robert J. SMALL, Donald William FREY, Bruce TREDINNICK and Christopher G. HAYDEN, ASSIGNORS, all citizens of the United States, residing at 5198 S. Civano Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona 85747, 4883 Woodthrus Road, Pleasanton, California 94566, 13758 W. Cottonwood Street, Surprise, Arizona 85374, and 104 E. Nelson Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301, respectively, are the inventors of the invention in, for which we have executed an application for a Patent of the United States

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- which is executed on even date herewith or
which was filed on October 23, 2003, and has received Application Serial No. 10/690,626, and is identified by Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Docket No. 60937-0217-US

We hereby authorize and request our attorney, of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, to insert here in parentheses (Application number, filed) the filing date and application number of said application when known.
and WHEREAS, EKC TECHNOLOGY, INC., ASSIGNEE, having a place of business at 2520 Barrington Court, Hayward, CA 94545-1163, is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

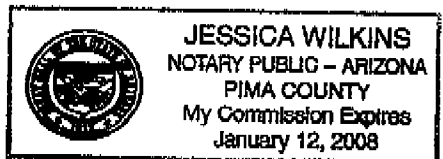
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date May 27, 2004 Robert J. SMALL

State of)
) SS.:
County of)

On May 27th, 2004 before me, Jessica Wilkins Notary Public, personally appeared Robert J. SMALL, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal Jessica Wilkins



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Date May 17, 2004

Donald William Frey
Donald William FREY

State of California)
) SS.:
County of Alameda)

On May 17, 2004 before me, Sen L. Villafuerte Notary Public, personally appeared Donald William FREY personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Sen L. Villafuerte



Date May 24, 2004

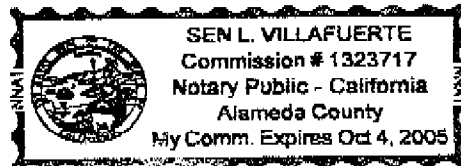
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On May 24, 2004 before me, Sen L. Villafuerte Notary Public, personally appeared Bruce TREDINNICK personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Sen L. Villafuerte



Date June 9, 2004

Christopher G. Hayden
Christopher G. HAYDEN

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On June 9, 2004 before me, Ellen M. Baker Notary Public, personally appeared Christopher G. HAYDEN personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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Ellen M. Baker

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