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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Jonathan James Palmer, City of Durham, State of North Carolina; Mark Allen Erickson, City of Raleigh, State of North Carolina; Mark Ernest Davidson, City of Chapel Hill, State of North Carolina; Raghavendra Gopala Rao, City of Cary, State of North Carolina; Devesh Agarwal, City of Raleigh, State of North Carolina; and Peter Joseph Marsico, City of Chapel Hill, State of North Carolina (hereinafter "Assignors"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF PERFORMING STATEFUL SIGNALING TRANSACTIONS IN A DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT for which an application for Letters Patent in the United States was made on March 9, 2004 as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/796,653. Assignors hereby authorize Jenkins, Wilson & Taylor, P.A. to insert the serial number upon receipt thereof from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

AND, WHEREAS, Tekelec, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California having its principal office and place of business at 26580 West Agoura Road, Calabasas, California, 91302 (hereinafter "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring an interest therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, their entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all foreign patent

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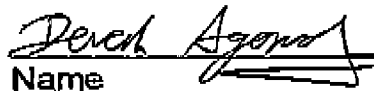


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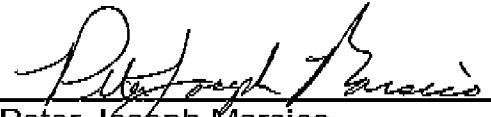
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