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**WHEREAS**, I, one of the undersigned joint inventors, of residence as listed, have invented certain new and useful improvements, for which application for United States Letters Patent is made, titled "System and Method for Updating Firmware of a Storage Device in a Storage Network" having inventors Nam V. Nguyen and Bharath V. Vasudevan, and attorney reference numbers 016295.1561 and DC-05941; and

**WHEREAS**, Dell Products L.P. (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), a Texas limited partnership, with an address of One Dell Way, Round Rock, Texas 78682-2244, desires to acquire my entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, and in and to the said application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

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I also assign to Assignee, all right, title and interest in and to the invention disclosed in said application throughout the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents, utility models, industrial models and designs for said invention in its own name throughout the world, including all rights to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention and all rights to register said invention in appropriate registries; and I further agree to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such right, title and interest in Assignee.

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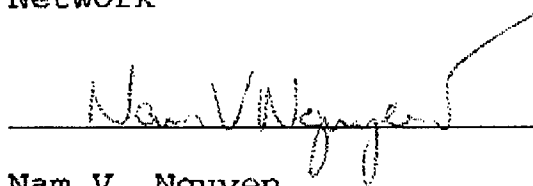
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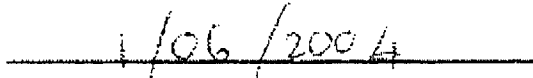
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