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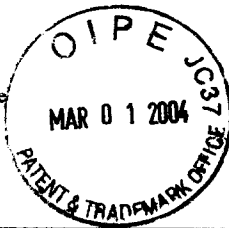
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Rodney G. Johnson, residing at 52 Strawberry Road, Mudgeeraba, Queensland 4213 Australia, made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which I executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, which is entitled: SHUFFLING APPARATUS AND METHOD and assigned Serial No. 10/663,436, filed on September 15, 2003.

AND WHEREAS, Shuffle Master, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having an office and place of business at 1106 Palms Airport Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements and application and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest for all countries in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the said application, all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and in and to any and all applications which have been or shall be filed in any foreign countries for Letters Patent on the said inventions and improvements, including an assignment of all rights under the provisions of the International Convention, and all Letters Patent of foreign countries which may be granted therefrom; and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid inventions and improvements to the said Assignee as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use of the said Assignee, its successors and assigns.

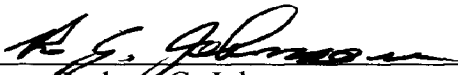
AND, for the consideration aforesaid, I do hereby agree that I and my executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing including any and all further application papers, affidavits, assignments and other documents, and will communicate to said Assignee, its successors and representatives all facts known to us relating to said improvements and the history thereof and will testify in all legal proceedings and generally do all things which may be necessary or desirable more effectually to secure to and vest in said

Assignee, its successors or assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements, inventions, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned and conveyed, or intended so to be.

AND, furthermore we covenant and agree with said Assignee, its successors and assigns, that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by me and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by me.

I hereby appoint Shuffle Master, Inc. and its attorneys Attorney in Fact to prosecute this application and all future continuation applications, continuations-in-part applications, divisional applications, reexamination or reissue thereof and any and all future related applications and issued patents thereof.

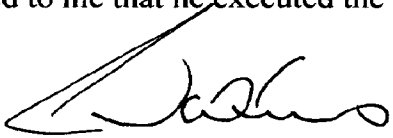
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004

  
 Rodney G. Johnson

STATE OF QUEENSLAND )  
 ) ss.  
 COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA )

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004 before me personally appeared Rodney G. Johnson, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth

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