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## ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, I, THOMAS A. TACKLIND, a United States citizen, residing at San Martin, California, have invented certain new and useful improvements in DISK DRIVE EMPLOYING A CALIBRATED BRAKE PULSE TO REDUCE ACOUSTIC NOISE WHEN LATCHING AN ACTUATOR ARM (hereafter "Improvements") for which I have executed an application for a United States Patent filed on January 31, 2004, Application No. 10/769,401 (hereafter "Application"); and

Whereas, Western Digital Technologies, Inc. (hereafter "Assignee"), a Delaware Corporation, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Improvements and the Application.

Now, therefore, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the inventor, do hereby acknowledge that I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assignees, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the Improvements, and the Application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereof and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for the Improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue, all Letters Patents for the Improvements to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

I hereby covenant and agree that I will communicate to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting the Improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and aid the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the Improvements in all countries.

 6/30/04  
THOMAS A. TACKLIND Date

State of CALIFORNIA     )  
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On \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public, personally appeared THOMAS A. TACKLIND and proved 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 executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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Notary Public

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## ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, I, LAKSHMAN RATHNAM, a United States citizen, residing at Mountain View, California, have invented certain new and useful improvements in DISK DRIVE EMPLOYING A CALIBRATED BRAKE PULSE TO REDUCE ACOUSTIC NOISE WHEN LATCHING AN ACTUATOR ARM (hereafter "Improvements") for which I have executed an application for a United States Patent filed on January 31, 2004, Application No. 10/769,401 (hereafter "Application"); and

Whereas, Western Digital Technologies, Inc. (hereafter "Assignee"), a Delaware Corporation, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Improvements and the Application.

Now, therefore, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the inventor, do hereby acknowledge that I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assignees, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the Improvements, and the Application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereof and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for the Improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patents for the Improvements to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

I hereby covenant and agree that I will communicate to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting the Improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and aid the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the Improvements in all countries.

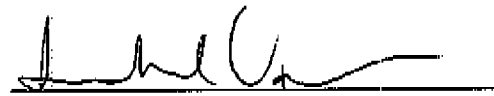
  
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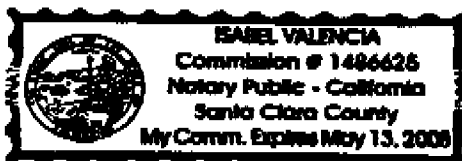
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On June 30, 2004, before me, Isabel Valencia, Notary Public, personally appeared LAKSHMAN RATHNAM and proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person executed the instrument.

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