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ASSIGNOR(S):

Robert Wham, Steven P. Buysse and James H. Orszulak

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- (a) U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith.
- (b) U.S. patent application executed on February 11, 2002.
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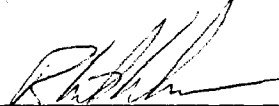
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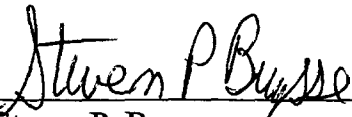
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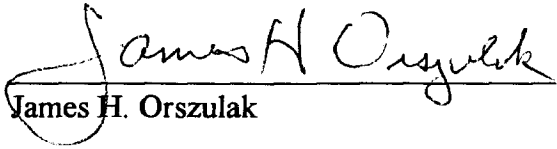
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State of Colorado)
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Before me this 25 day of March 2002,
personally appeared Robert Wham to me personally known to be the person described in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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