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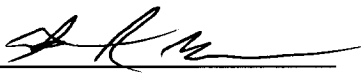


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ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, we, BRIAN D. HEIKES of 43431 Longview Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147, XIAOYAN YIN of 9756 Thorn Bush Drive, Fairfax Station, VA 22039, DEBORAH R. YUROW of 4714 North 20th Pl., Arlington, VA 22207, KELLY MATTHEWS of 10115 Tummel Falls Drive, Bristow, Virginia 20136, and BARRY APPELMAN of 1003 Crest Lane, McLean, VA 22101, hereby assign to America Online, Inc., a corporation of Delaware having a place of business at 22000 AOL Way, Dulles, VA 20166; and its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of an application for United States Patent signed by us, entitled INSTANT MESSAGING SOUND CONTROL, filed December 24, 2003, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 10/744,080, and United States Provisional Patent Application entitled INSTANT MESSAGING SOUND CONTROL, filed March 3, 2003, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 60/450,674, and we authorize and request the attorneys appointed in said application to hereafter complete this assignment by inserting above the filing date and serial number of said application when known; this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents and applications, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes; and we authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in our name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements; and we agree for ourselves and our respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Dulles VA,
this 27th day of April, 2004
Brian D. Heikes L.S.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Dulles, VA,
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Dulles, VA,

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at DULLES, VA.

this 7TH day of MAY, 2004

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Dulles, VA,
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