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WHEREAS, SDGI Holdings, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Assignee, a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 508, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, desires to acquire all of the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under said Invention disclosed, described and/or claimed, or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, which may be obtained therefor and thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, To All Whom It May Concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good, valuable and sufficient considerations to Assignors in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, all of the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application for United States Letters Patent, and any and all other applications thereon and arising therefrom, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all patents to be issued and obtained therefor and thereon, United States and foreign, including all reissues and extensions thereof.

Assignors hereby authorize and request the firm of Woodard, Emhardt, Moriarty, McNett & Henry LLP of Bank One Center/Tower, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 3700, Indianapolis, IN 46204-5137 to insert here in parentheses (Serial No. _____ Filed _____) the date and serial number of said application when officially known, and Assignors hereby authorize and request the Honorable Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to Assignee, its assigns and legal representatives.

Assignors agree to sign and execute any and all other papers necessary or desirable for the procurement of Letters Patent on said Inventions in this and all foreign countries for the use of Assignee.

WITNESS Assignor's hand this 14 day of July, 2004.

[Signature]
Kevin T. Foley

STATE OF Tennessee)
COUNTY OF Shelby) : SS

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared Kevin T. Foley, who, being first duly sworn upon his oath, acknowledged the execution of the foregoing "Assignment" as his voluntary act and deed.

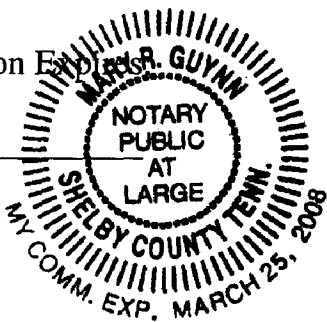
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Resident of Shelby County

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WITNESS Assignor's hand this 15th day of July, 2004.

Anthony J. Melkent
Anthony J. Melkent

STATE OF Tennessee)
) : SS
COUNTY OF Shelby)

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared Anthony J. Melkent, who, being first duly sworn upon his oath, acknowledged the execution of the foregoing "Assignment" as his voluntary act and deed.

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Resident of DeSoto County

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