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Inventorship: Nitin Chandel

Applicant: Microsoft Corporation

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Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STATE MANAGEMENT AND WORKFLOW
CONTROL****PATENT ASSIGNMENT****PARTIES TO THE ASSIGNMENT****Assignor:**Nitin Chandel
7250 Old Redmond Rd, # E 118
Redmond, Washington 98052**Assignee:**Microsoft Corporation
Corporation in the State of Washington
One Microsoft Way
Redmond, WA 98052**AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, ASSIGNOR (listed above) is inventor of an invention entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STATE MANAGEMENT AND WORKFLOW CONTROL," for which a non-provisional application for United States Letters Patent is filed concurrently herewith.

WHEREAS, Microsoft Corporation (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Washington having a place of business at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefore in the United States and in any and all foreign countries:

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all

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Date



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