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**ASSIGNMENT**  
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**Joseph S. MINACAPPELLI**, residing at **1168-E La Rochelle Terrace, Sunnyvale Ca. 94089** (referred to as "Assignor") has made an invention(s) (the "Invention(s)") set forth in an application for patent of the United States, entitled:

**APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR DESIGNING VIA PADS HAVING  
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Date: 12-06-2004

By: 

Joseph S. MINACAPELLI