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the undersigned, Gyanendra Pradhan and Bingxue Cai

hereby sell, assign, and transfer to Network Appliance, Inc.  
a corporation of Delaware, having a principal place of business at  
495 East Java Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94089, ("Assignee"),  
and its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title, and interest for the  
United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements that are disclosed in  
the application for the United States patent that was filed April 27, 2005 and assigned  
Application No. 11/116,679 and is entitled  
Centralized Storage of Storage System Resource Data using a Directory Server

and in and to said application and all divisional applications, continuation applications,  
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