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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial Number ..... 11/130,830  
Filing Date ..... 05/17/20054  
Inventorship ..... Hess, et al.  
Applicant ..... KLA-Tencor Technologies Corporation  
Attorney's Docket No. .... KLAP1310US  
Title: DYNAMIC REFERENCE PLANE COMPENSATION

**PATENT ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, ASSIGNOR(S) (listed below) are inventor(s) of an invention entitled "DYNAMIC REFERENCE PLANE COMPENSATION" as described and claimed in the specification forming part of an application for United States letters patent referenced above;

WHEREAS, KLA-Tencor Technologies Corporation (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of California, having a place of business at One Technology Drive, Milpitas, California 95035, USA, 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 therefor 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(S) hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR(S) had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR(S) hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR(S) agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters

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patent on said invention, for litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we hereunto set my/our hand(s) and seal(s)

Inventor's Signature Harald F. Hess Date Assignment Signed Sept. 7 2005

Inventor's Typed Name: Harald F. Hess

State of: California  
County of: San Diego



Before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, personally appeared Harald F. Hess, who is personally known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who acknowledged the foregoing instrument of assignment to be his/her free act and deed.

Nicholas R.I. Murrell  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 27 2009

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we hereunto set my/our hand(s) and seal(s)

Inventor's Signature Thomas Daniel Carr Date Assignment Signed 9/13/2005

Inventor's Typed Name: Thomas Daniel Carr

State of: California  
County of: San Diego

Before me this 13 day of September, personally appeared Thomas Daniel Carr, who is personally known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who acknowledged the foregoing instrument of assignment to be his/her free act and deed.

Abe Albanna  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we hereunto set my/our hand(s) and seal(s)

Inventor's Signature [Signature] Date Assignment Signed 9/13/2005  
Inventor's Typed Name: Romain Sappey

State of: California  
County of: San Diego

Before me this 13 day of September, personally appeared Romain Christophe Sappey who is personally known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who acknowledged the foregoing instrument of assignment to be his/her free act and deed.

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