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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the named inventors, John M. Martin, Robert R. Bushey, Theodore B. Pasquale and Gregory W. Liddell, had assigned worldwide rights in the United States patent application entitled **"INTERFACE AND METHOD OF DESIGNING AN INTERFACE"**, for a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed on March 21, 2000, and assigned Application No. 09/532,038 (now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,778,643) (hereinafter "the Parent Application"), including *inter alia* all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of patent applications and patents thereof (hereinafter "the Invention") to SBC TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES, INC. (hereinafter "SBC TRI"), by an assignment, recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 21, 2000, at Reel 011034, Frame 0289, as indicated by the Notice of Recordation (attached as Ex. 1);

WHEREAS, the named inventors, John M. Martin, Robert R. Bushey and Theodore B. Pasquale, had subsequently and erroneously purported to have assigned worldwide rights in a continuation of the Parent Application, United States patent application entitled **"INTERFACE AND METHOD OF DESIGNING AN INTERFACE"**, for a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed on August 29, 2002, and assigned Application No. 10/230,728 (hereinafter "the Continuation Application"), to SBC PROPERTIES, L.P. (hereinafter "SBC PROPERTIES"), by an assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 29, 2002, at Reel 013256, Frame 0846, as indicated by the Notice of Recordation (attached as Ex. 2);

WHEREAS, a Clarification of Record (attached as Ex. 3) was filed on September 11, 2006, with respect to the Continuation Application, explaining *inter alia* that the subsequent assignment of the Continuation Application to SBC PROPERTIES is void because the inventors had previously assigned all of their rights in the Invention, including continuation applications, to SBC TRI, as discussed above;

WHEREAS, SBC TRI, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 9505 Arboretum Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78759, desires to clarify the assignment records with respect to the Continuation Application and, to the extent SBC PROPERTIES may have acquired any ownership rights by the purported assignment of the Continuation Application, discussed above, to receive herein assignment of any such ownership rights from SBC PROPERTIES; and

WHEREAS, SBC PROPERTIES, a partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada, having a place of business at 645 E. Plumb Lane, Reno, Nevada 89502, likewise desires to clarify the assignment records and, to the extent SBC PROPERTIES may have acquired any ownership rights by the purported assignment of the Continuation Application, discussed above, to assign herein any such ownership rights to SBC TRI.

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by SBC PROPERTIES from SBC TRI is hereby acknowledged, SBC PROPERTIES has sold,


assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to SBC TRI, effective *nunc pro tunc* as of August 29, 2002, any right, title and interest for the United States in and to the Invention and the Continuation Application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said Invention in the United States that SBC PROPERTIES may possess; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said Invention and all patent applications and patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention, and all rights to sue for past and future infringement thereunder; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications and patents defined above; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of SBC TRI, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term and terms for all such patents.

AND the SBC PROPERTIES authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue Letters Patent on the Continuation Application, and on any all divisions and continuations thereof, to SBC TRI, its assigns and legal representatives, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this Assignment is executed by SBC PROPERTIES, on the date(s) listed below, *nunc pro tunc* as of August 29, 2002.

Name: **SBC PROPERTIES, L.P.**

Signature of
Legal Representative:



Date:

11/02/2006

Witnesses for Assignor

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Second Witness:

 11/2/06
Signature / Date

Mary E. McNeill-Smith
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Exhibit 1



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BRIEF: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR'S INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

ASSIGNOR:

BUSHEY, ROBERT R.

DOC DATE: 03/15/2000

ASSIGNOR:

LIDDELL, GREGORY W.

DOC DATE: 03/15/2000

ASSIGNOR:

MARTIN, JOHN M.

DOC DATE: 03/15/2000

ASSIGNOR:

PASQUALE, THEODORE

DOC DATE: 03/20/2000

ASSIGNEE:

SBC TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES, INC.
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FILING DATE: 03/21/2000

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ASSIGNMENT **COPY**

WHEREAS, Robert R. BUSHEY, a citizen of the United States, whose post office address is 9505 Arboretum Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78759, Gregory W. LIDDELL, a citizen of the United States, whose post office address is 9505 Arboretum Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78759, John M. MARTIN, a citizen of the United States, whose post office address is 9505 Arboretum Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78759, and Theodore PASQUALE, a citizen of the United States, whose post office address is 9505 Arboretum Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78759, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNORS, have invented a certain improvement relating to

**CUSTOMER-CENTRIC INTERFACE AND METHOD OF
DESIGNING AN INTERFACE**

for which they have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date(s) indicated below.

AND WHEREAS, SBC Technology Resources, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, whose post-office address is 9505 Arboretum Boulevard, Austin, Texas, 78759, hereinafter known as the ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest for the United States and elsewhere throughout the world in and to said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof.

NOW, THIS WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS hereby assign, sell and transfer to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and application, for the United States and elsewhere throughout the world including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, said ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges, and advantages in any ways arising from or pertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such Letters Patent when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives in as ample and beneficial a manner to all intents and purposes as the said ASSIGNORS might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

AND said ASSIGNORS hereby agree to execute all papers necessary to file applications in the United States and elsewhere throughout the world for said invention and to assign the same

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to said ASSIGNEE, or any assignee acquiring title to said invention, and to execute any other papers that may be needed in connection with filing said application and securing Letters Patent thereon.


AND said ASSIGNORS authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any and all divisions and continuations thereof, to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, in accordance herewith.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this assignment is executed by said ASSIGNORS, on the dates noted below.

Witnessed by:

Daniel W. Manning 3/15/00
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Robert R. Bushey 3-15-00
Robert R. BUSHEY Date

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Daniel W. Manning 3/15/00
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Shawn B. Jackson 3-15-00
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Gregory W. Liddell 3/15/00
Gregory W. LIDDELL Date

Witnessed by:

Daniel W. Manning 3/15/00
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Shawn B. Jackson 3-15-00
Date

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John M. MARTIN Date

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Witnessed by:

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Debi Beckham 3-20-00
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Theodore PASQUALE 3/20/00
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BRIEF: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR'S INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

ASSIGNOR:

MARTIN, JOHN M. ✓

DOC DATE: 08/29/2002 ✓

ASSIGNOR:

BUSHEY, ROBERT R. ✓

DOC DATE: 08/29/2002 ✓

ASSIGNOR:

PASQUALE, THEODORE B. ✓

DOC DATE: 08/29/2002 ✓

ASSIGNEE:

SBC PROPERTIES, L.P. ✓
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, John M. Martin, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 6411 Paintbrush Hollow, Austin, Texas 78750; Robert R. Bushey, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 1117 Stillwell Ridge, Cedar Park, Texas 78613; and Theodore B. Pasquale, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 12610 Riata Trace Parkway, #512, Austin, Texas 78727, hereinafter called the "Assignors", have made the invention described in the United States patent application entitled "INTERFACE AND METHOD OF DESIGNING AN INTERFACE", Attorney Docket No. 064198.0129, (SBC File No. T00426) for a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed on August 29, 2002;

WHEREAS, SBC Properties, L.P., a partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada, having a place of business at 645 E. Plumb Lane, Reno, Nevada 89502, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America and elsewhere throughout the world in and to said invention and the patent application identified above, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignors from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications and patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications and patents defined above; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term and terms for all such patents.

AND said Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for both the Assignors and the Assignors' legal representatives, that the Assignors will assist the Assignee in the prosecution of the patent application identified above; in the making and prosecution of any other patent applications that the Assignee may elect to make covering the invention identified above; in vesting in the Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other patent applications and patents; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any such patent application or patent; and that the Assignors will execute and deliver to the Assignee to carry out the terms of this Assignment. Assignors authorize the attorney or agent who files the patent application first referenced above to fill in the U.S. Application Serial No. and filing date above, if required.

AND said Assignors authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any all divisions and continuations thereof, to said Assignee, its assigns and legal representatives, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this Assignment is executed by said Assignors, on the date(s) listed below.

Name of first inventor: John M. Martin

Signature of first inventor: John M Martin

Date: Aug 29, 2002

Witnesses for first inventor

First witness: Kurt M. Joseph 8/29/02
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KURT M. JOSEPH
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Second witness: Rebecca A. Grier 8/29/02
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Name of second inventor: Robert R. Bushey

Signature of second inventor: Robert R. Bushey

Date: 8-29-02

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Name of third inventor: Theodore B. Pasquale

Signature of third inventor: Theodore B. Pasquale

Date: 8/29/02

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First witness:

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Second witness:

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Applicants : John M. MARTIN et al.

Group Art Unit : 2645

Appl. No. : 10/230,728

Examiner : Ovidio ESCALANTE

Filed : August 29, 2002

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For : INTERFACE AND METHOD OF DESIGNING AN INTERFACE

CLARIFICATION OF RECORD

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Sir :

Applicants hereby wish to clarify the record with respect to the assignment of the present application. The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/532,038 (now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,778,643), which was assigned to SBC Technology Resources, Inc. (SBC TRI), by the inventors John M. Martin, Robert R. Bushey, Theodore B. Pasquale and Gregory W. Liddell. The assignment was recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 21, 2000 (attached as Ex. 1). The previous assignment to SBC TRI included "the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and the patent application identified above ... together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications and patents

defined above" Accordingly, because all right, title and interest in all continuations of U.S. Patent No. 6,778,643 were previously assigned to SBC TRI, the inventors no longer possessed the right to assign the present continuation application to another party.

However, the named inventors, John M. Martin, Robert R. Bushey and Theodore B. Pasquale, erroneously attempted to subsequently assign the present application to SBC Properties, L.P., by an assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 29, 2002 (attached as Ex. 2).

Because the inventors no longer possessed the right to assign the present application, as discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that the subsequent assignment to SBC Properties, L.P., is void, and that SBC TRI is the true owner of the entire right, title and interest of both the present application and the parent application, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,778,643.

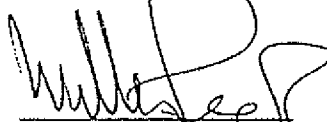
In a related matter, Applicants further wish to clarify that the Terminal Disclaimer, filed in the present application on May 23, 2005, is accurate, in that it represents that SBC TRI "is the owner of record of the entire right, title and interest of the above-identified application by virtue of an assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 21, 2000, at Reel 011034, Frame 0289...." This is true even though the assignment record (incorrectly) indicates that the above-identified application has been assigned to SBC Properties, L.P. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Terminal Disclaimer is valid.

In addition, regardless of the validity of the second assignment, Applicants respectfully submit that the Terminal Disclaimer is valid because both applications are "commonly owned," in that SBC TRI (since renamed AT&T Labs, Inc.) and SBC Properties, L.P. (since renamed AT&T Knowledge Ventures, L.P.), were wholly owned subsidiaries of parent corporation SBC Communications, Inc. (since renamed AT&T, Inc.) at all relevant times. More particularly, SBC Communications, Inc. (AT&T, Inc.), owns (i) 100 percent of SBC TRI (AT&T Labs, Inc.) and (ii) 100 percent of each of the general and limited partners that, in turn, own 100 percent of SBC Properties, L.P. (AT&T Knowledge Ventures, L.P.).

The undersigned authorizes the charging of any necessary fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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