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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, RONALD M. PARKER, JOHN P. JONES, AND CHRIS MUNFORD (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS") have invented certain new and useful improvements in an invention entitled:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR A HIERARCHICAL LAYER ONE AND LAYER TWO CROSS-CONNECT IN A TRANSPORT AND AGGREGATION PLATFORM

\_\_\_\_\_ for which U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_; or  
X for which an application for a United States patent is being submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office herewith; and

WHEREAS, CIENA CORPORATION, 1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, Maryland 21090 USA (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, and in and to said application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set hand and signed on the date indicated below:

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