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RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST (PATENTS)

THIS RELEASE OF SECURITY AGREEMENT (Patents) (the "Release") is made and dated this 7th day of November, 2006 by BANK OF THE WEST (the "Lender").

Pursuant to that certain Security Agreement (Patents) dated as of December 12, 2003 (the "Patent Security Agreement") between the Lender and Areté Associates, a California corporation (the "Borrower"), the Borrower granted a security interest to the Lender in certain patents to secure obligations of the Borrower to the Lender under the Credit Agreement dated as of December 12, 2003 between the Borrower and the Lender (as amended, extended and replaced from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"). The Patent Security Agreement was recorded with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 30, 2004 on Reel/Frame 014468/0895.

At the request of the Borrower, the Lender has agreed to release its security interests in the Issued Patents described on Schedule 1 to this Release and the Patent Applications described on Schedule 2 to this Release, and, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Lender releases and relinquishes any security interest in the Issued Patents described on Schedule 1 to this Release and the Patent Applications described on Schedule 2 to this Release.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Lender has caused this Release of Security Interest (Patents) to be executed on and as of the day and year first above written.

BANK OF THE WEST, as Administrative Agent

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TO RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST (PATENTS)

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Issued Patent Number	Description	Issue Date	Authors
[REDACTED]	Conductivity, Temperature and Optic	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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5,963,657	Economical Skin-Pattern-Acquisition and Analysis Apparatus for Access Control; Systems Controlled Thereby	10/5/1999	Bowker, Miller, Lubard, Wartman, Bolton
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
5,909,501	Systems and Methods with Identity Verification by Comparison and Interpretation of Skin Patterns Such as Fingerprints	6/1/1999	Thebaud
5,812,252	Fingerprint--Acquisition Apparatus for Access Control; Personal Weapon and	9/22/1998	Bowker, Lubard

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Application File Date	Description	Serial Number	Authors
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4/11/1997	Application "Mast-mounted lidar, with streak-tube imaging, for detection of mines and other obstacles from a ship"	08/843,219	Harkless, Potter, Monro, Thebaud
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