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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT RIGHTS

I, RAVIKIRAN ATTOTA, residing in GERMANTOWN, MARYLAND, invented "ZERO ORDER OVERLAY TARGETS." and filed an application for United States Letter Patent, Serial Number 11/931,140 on October 31, 2007.

The invention was made while I was a Guest Researcher at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the United States Department of Commerce, and under such circumstances that applicable laws, and regulations and agreements render the patent rights within the United States assignable to the United States. The United States of America, represented by the Secretary of Commerce, wishes to acquire these rights.

Therefore, I assign to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce, my full and exclusive world-wide rights to this invention. This invention and its derivative applications and Letters Patent are to be held by the United States of America for the full term for which such Letters Patent may be granted as completely as they would have been held by me had I not made this assignment. As consideration for this Assignment, I will be treated as an inventor whose rights are assigned to the United States, for royalty sharing

purposes, if royalties are ever collected, as explained in Section 3710c of Title 15 of the United States Code.

I agree to make, execute, and deliver to the Secretary of Commerce all documents in such usual or other forms, terms, or contents as may be required by the Secretary for the prosecution of all domestic applications arising from this invention, as well as after issuance of Letters Patent, and for the settlement of any interferences or other actions or proceedings these applications and Letters Patent may encounter. I will aid the United States of America in every way to protect the invention as requested by the Secretary, except that any expenses arising through such assistance will be borne, through proper arrangement, by the United States of America.

I warrant that there are no outstanding assignments, grants, liens, encumbrances, or agreements, oral, written, or implied, that will impair the interests conveyed in this assignment at the time I execute this instrument.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I sign.



RAVIKIRAN ATTOTA



Date