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**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION AND PATENT RIGHTS** 

Inventors/Assignors: Laura E. Boucheron, Phillip L. De Leon

Serial No. 12/706,482

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Whereas, Laura E. Boucheron of 727 Horizon View Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011; and Phillip L. De Leon of 3274 View Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011; (hereinafter referred to as "Assignors") are each employees, former employees, students, or former students of New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003 and as such have made a certain invention entitled Speaker Model-Based Speech Enhancement System or which a patent application was filed at the expense of their employer, on February 16, 2010, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The patent application is filed under attorney docket No. 37000-0808-UT, and is identified as Serial No. 12/706,482, which claims priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 61/152,903 filed February 16, 2009.

Whereas, the Assignors are obligated under the provisions of the New Mexico State University Policy Manual, which incorporates the Faculty Handbook, General Operating, Personnel and Benefits Manual ("NMSU Policy Manual") to assign the invention and intellectual property rights relating thereto to New Mexico State University, subject to the terms of the NMSU Policy Manual; and

Whereas, the intellectual property of New Mexico State University, by authority of its Board of Regents, is required to be assigned to ARROWHEAD CENTER, INC., MSC 3IPO, Box 30001, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003-8001, its successors and assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee").

Now, therefore, in view of the above premises and good and valuable consideration the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and with the agreement that the Assignors and Assignee will abide by the NMSU Policy Manual, and with the further agreement that Assignors'

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PATENT REEL: 024303 FRAME: 0624 rights to receive money under the NMSU Policy Manual shall extend to Assignors; heirs, successors, and assigns, Assignors do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and all improvements and the interest in and to any and all copyrights and patent applications and patents which may be issued thereon in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including all rights of priority under the international conventions and treaties, including all provisional, utility, continuations-in-part, divisions, substitutions, reissues, renewals, continuations, reexaminations or other applications based in whole or in part thereon, and the right to sue for past, present, and future infringement of such rights, in the name of Assignee or its designee.

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Further, Assignors agree to communicate to Assignee, upon its request, any facts known to Assignors respecting said invention, and to testify in any legal proceedings, to sign all lawful papers, to execute all provisionals, utilities, divisions, continuations, in whole or in part,

PATENT REEL: 024303 FRAME: 0625 substitutions, renewals and reissue applications, to execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Patents to be issued to Assignee, to make all rightful oaths and generally to do everything necessary or desirable to aid Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention.

Assignors' rights in the above-mentioned invention or improvement and Related Know-How and any copyrights, patent application(s) and Letters Patent thereon have not been previously assigned, mortgaged or otherwise encumbered, and Assignors have full right, power and authority to assign all such rights to Assignee hereunder.

As used herein, the terms "Assignors" and "Assignee" shall include such parties and their heirs, administrators, estates, successors and assigns of every kind.

Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and the U.S. Copyright Office of the United States, and all foreign countries' equivalent officials, to issue such Letters Patent and copyright registration as shall be granted on said application or applications based thereon to Assignee.

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