

PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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| SUBMISSION TYPE: | NEW ASSIGNMENT |
| NATURE OF CONVEYANCE: | MERGER |
| EFFECTIVE DATE: | 12/11/2007 |

CONVEYING PARTY DATA

| Name | Execution Date |
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| Aventail Corporation | 12/11/2007 |

RECEIVING PARTY DATA

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| Name: | Aventail LLC |
| Street Address: | 2001 Logic Drive |
| City: | San Jose |
| State/Country: | CALIFORNIA |
| Postal Code: | 95124 |

PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 1

| Property Type | Number |
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| Application Number: | 13038340 |

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**STATE OF DELAWARE
CERTIFICATE OF MERGER
OF
AVENTAIL CORPORATION
(a Washington Corporation)
INTO
AVENTAIL LLC
(a Delaware corporation)**

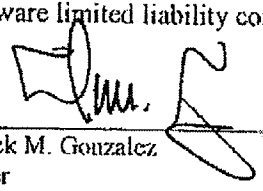
Pursuant to Title 6, Section 209(c) of the Limited Liability Company Act of the State of Delaware, the undersigned limited liability company executed the following Certificate of Merger:

1. The name of the surviving limited liability company is **Aventail LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company, and the name of the corporation being merged into this surviving limited liability company is **Aventail Corporation**, a Washington corporation.
2. The Agreement and Plan of Merger has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by the surviving limited liability company and the merging corporation.
3. The name of the surviving limited liability company is **Aventail LLC**.
4. The Agreement and Plan of Merger is on file at 1143 Borregas Avenue, Sunnyvale, California, the place of business of the surviving corporation.
5. A copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger will be furnished by the corporation on request, without cost, to any stockholder of any constituent corporation or any member of any constituent limited liability company.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Aventail LLC has caused this certificate to be signed by its
duly authorized officers this 14th day of December, 2007.

AVENTAIL LLC
a Delaware limited liability company

By: 
Frederick M. Gonzalez
Manager

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO DELAWARE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER FOR AVENTAIL LLC]

**ARTICLES OF MERGER
OF
AVENTAIL CORPORATION
(a Washington Corporation)
INTO
AVENTAIL LLC
(a Delaware Limited Liability Corporation)**

To the Secretary of State
State of Washington

Pursuant to the Sections 23B.11.050 of the Washington Business Corporation Act, the domestic business corporation and the foreign limited liability company herein named do hereby submit the following Articles of Merger.

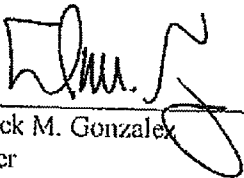
FIRST: Annexed hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof is the Agreement and Plan of Merger ("*Plan of Merger*") for merging **Aventail Corporation** with and into **Aventail LLC** as approved by resolution adopted by written consent without a meeting by sole Member of Aventail LLC effective December 10, 2007, and by resolution adopted by unanimous written consent without a meeting by the Board of Directors and sole Shareholder of Aventail Corporation effective December 10, 2007. The Plan of Merger was duly authorized and approved by each entity that is a party to the merger in accordance with Sections 23B.11.080 and 23B.11.110 of the Washington Business Corporation Act.

SECOND: In respect of Aventail LLC, the merger was approved by the sole Member, the holder of all of the issued and outstanding units thereof.

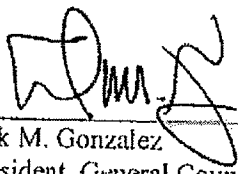
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Executed this 14th day of December, 2007.

AVENTAIL LLC
a Delaware limited liability company

By: 
Frederick M. Gonzalez
Manager

AVENTAIL CORPORATION
a Washington corporation

By: 
Frederick M. Gonzalez
Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO WASHINGTON ARTICLES OF MERGER]

EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER (the "*Agreement*") is made and entered into this 10th day of December, 2007 between Aventail Corporation, a Washington corporation ("*Aventail Corp*"), and Aventail LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("*Aventail LLC*"), in order to merge Aventail Corp with and into Aventail LLC pursuant to Section 18-209 of the Delaware Limited Liability Act and Sections 23B.11.080 and 23B.11.110 of the Washington Corporations Code, with Aventail LLC to be the surviving entity of such merger.

RECITALS

A. Aventail Corp and Aventail LLC are both wholly owned subsidiaries of SonicWALL, Inc., a California corporation.

B. Pursuant to Sections 18-209 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, and Sections 23B.11.080 and 23B.11.110 of the Washington Business Corporation Act, the constituent entities desire to consummate a merger in which Aventail Corp will be merged with and into Aventail LLC, with Aventail LLC being the surviving entity of such merger and Aventail Corp ceasing to exist as a separate corporate entity following such merger. Upon the consummation of such merger, the issued and outstanding shares of Aventail Corp capital stock will be cancelled without the payment of any consideration therefor. By virtue of such merger, Aventail LLC will acquire all the assets and properties of Aventail Corp and will assume all of the liabilities and obligations of Aventail Corp.

C. Aventail LLC's business address is 1143 Borregas Avenue, Sunnyvale, California 94089.

D. Aventail Corp's business address is 2101 Fourth Avenue, Suite 400, Seattle, Washington 98101.

ARTICLE 1
CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms will have the meanings set forth below:

1.1 The "*Merger*" means the statutory merger of Aventail Corp with and into Aventail LLC to be effected pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and Section 18-209 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act and Sections 23B.11.080 and 23B.11.110 of the Washington Corporations Code, in which Aventail LLC will be the surviving entity of such merger and as a result of which merger Aventail Corp shall cease to exist.

1.2 The "*Effective Time*" means the time and date on which the Merger first becomes legally effective under the laws of the State of Washington as a result of the filing with the Washington Secretary of State of the Articles of Merger conforming to the requirements of

Sections 23B.11.050 of the Washington Business Corporation Act.

Other capitalized terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement and not defined in this Article I will have the meanings assigned to such terms in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 PLAN OF MERGER

2.1 Treatment of Shares.

2.1.1 No Effect on Aventail LLC Units. At the Effective Time, each Membership Unit of Aventail, LLC that is issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time will remain issued and outstanding and will be unchanged and unaffected by the Merger.

2.1.2 Cancellation of Aventail Corp Stock. At the Effective Time, each share of Aventail Corp capital stock that is issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time will, by virtue of the Merger and without the need for any further action on the part of any holder of Aventail Corp stock, be cancelled without the payment of any consideration therefor.

2.2 Effects of the Merger. At and upon the Effective Time of the Merger:

(a) the separate existence of Aventail Corp will cease and Aventail Corp will be merged with and into Aventail LLC, and Aventail LLC will be the surviving entity of the Merger (the "*Surviving LLC*") and assume all of Aventail Corp's liabilities and obligations pursuant to the terms of this Agreement;

(b) each share of Aventail Corp capital stock that is issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time will be cancelled without the payment of consideration therefor;

(c) the Merger will, from and after the Effective Time, have all of the effects provided by applicable law;

(d) The Certificate of Formation of Aventail LLC, together with any amendments thereto, as in effect at the Effective Time shall continue in full force and effect as the Certificate of Formation of the Surviving LLC;

(e) The Operating Agreement of Aventail LLC as in effect at the Effective Time shall continue in full force and effect as the Operating Agreement of the Surviving LLC;

(f) The manager of Aventail LLC as of the Effective Time shall continue as the manager of the Surviving LLC; and

(g) The officers of Aventail LLC as of the Effective Time shall continue as the officers of the Surviving LLC.

2.3 **Reorganization and Liquidation.** The parties intend to adopt this Agreement and the Merger as a plan of reorganization pursuant to Section 368 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

AVENTAIL LLC
a Delaware limited liability company

By: _____
Frederick M. Gonzalez
Manager

AVENTAIL CORPORATION
a Washington corporation

By: _____
Frederick M. Gonzalez
Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER BETWEEN
AVENTAIL LLC AND AVENTAIL CORPORATION]