

## PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION**

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

ASSIGNOR: Joseph P. Orban, III  
Timothy Nolan

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which is described in

- (a) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
- (b) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) ☒ International Application No. PCT/US03/19331 on 17 June 2003.
- (d) ☐ U.S. patent no. \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_  
(also check (e) if foreign application(s) is also being assigned)
- (e) ☒ and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, and, in and to, all United States and foreign Letters Patent, for the full term thereof, to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, extension or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any re-issue or re-examination thereof;

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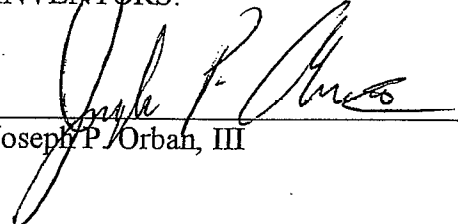
ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all such Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE:

ASSIGNOR further covenants to promptly provide all pertinent facts and documents known and accessible to ASSIGNOR relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents; to testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto; to execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention or any Letters Patents which may be granted therefor in said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives; to execute any additional or divisional applications for patents for said invention, or any part or parts thereof, and for the reissue of any Letters Patents to be granted therefor; and to make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for procuring the same or for aiding therein, all without further compensation, but at the sole expense of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives.

ASSIGNOR hereby grants ASSIGNEE and Assignee's attorneys the power to insert the Serial No. and/or filing date of the above-described application(s) after such information becomes known to them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal.

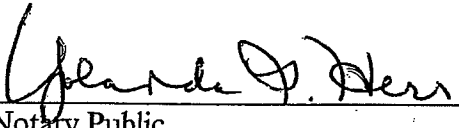
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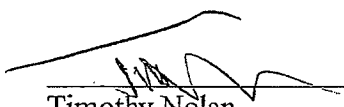
State of Connecticut                     )  
    ) ss:  
 County of New Haven                     )

Before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2003,  
 personally appeared Joseph P. Orban, III to me personally known to be the person described in  
 and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his  
 own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

  
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 Notary Public

**YOLANDA S. HERR**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 10/31/2003


AFFIX SEAL

  
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Timothy Nolan

Dated: 8/11/03

State of Connecticut     )  
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County of New Haven     )

Before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2003,  
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