

## PATENT ASSIGNMENT

Electronic Version v1.1  
 Stylesheet Version v1.1

| SUBMISSION TYPE:  | NEW ASSIGNMENT                     |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:   | ASSIGNMENT                         |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| CONVEYING PARTY DATA  |                                    |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Execution Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CURTIS S. GERMAN</td> <td>07/02/2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ANDREW A. LUCAS</td> <td>07/02/2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BRIAN L. RAPPEL</td> <td>07/02/2010</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> |                                    | Name          | Execution Date | CURTIS S. GERMAN    | 07/02/2010 | ANDREW A. LUCAS | 07/02/2010 | BRIAN L. RAPPEL | 07/02/2010 |
| Name  | Execution Date                     |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| CURTIS S. GERMAN  | 07/02/2010                         |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| ANDREW A. LUCAS   | 07/02/2010                         |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| BRIAN L. RAPPEL   | 07/02/2010                         |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| RECEIVING PARTY DATA  |                                    |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| Name:   | WESTERN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| Street Address:   | 3355 MICHELSON DRIVE, SUITE 100    |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| City:   | IRVINE                             |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| State/Country:  | CALIFORNIA                         |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| Postal Code:  | 92612                              |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 1   |                                    |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Property Type</th> <th>Number</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Application Number:</td> <td>13858175</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>   |                                    | Property Type | Number         | Application Number: | 13858175   |                 |            |                 |            |
| Property Type   | Number                             |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| Application Number:   | 13858175                           |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| CORRESPONDENCE DATA   |                                    |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| Fax Number:   | 9496726604                         |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| <i>Correspondence will be sent via US Mail when the fax attempt is unsuccessful.</i>  |                                    |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| Phone:  | 949-672-7871                       |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| Email:  | renee.quick@wdc.com                |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| Correspondent Name:   | WESTERN DIGITAL                    |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| Address Line 1:   | ATTN: IP LAW DEPARTMENT            |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| Address Line 2:   | 3355 MICHELSON DRIVE, SUITE 100    |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| Address Line 4:   | IRVINE, CALIFORNIA 92612           |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER:   | T4414.D1                           |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| NAME OF SUBMITTER:  | Renee M. Quick                     |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |
| Signature:  | /Renee M. Quick/                   |               |                |                     |            |                 |            |                 |            |

Date:

04/08/2013

**Total Attachments: 4**

source=T4414\_Assignment\_EFS#page1.tif

source=T4414\_Assignment\_EFS#page2.tif

source=T4414\_Assignment\_EFS#page3.tif

source=T4414\_Assignment\_EFS#page4.tif

ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, we, **Curtis S. German**, a citizen of the United States, residing at Longmont, Colorado; **Andrew A. Lucas** a citizen of the United States, residing at Lyons, Colorado; and **Brian L. Rappel**, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lyons, Colorado, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **DISK DRIVE WITH A SPHERICAL BALANCE PLUG** (hereafter "Improvements") for which we have executed an application for a United States Patent filed **June 30, 2010**, Application No. **12/826671** (hereafter "Application"); and

Whereas, **Western Digital Technologies, Inc.** (hereafter "Assignee"), a Delaware Corporation, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Improvements and the Application.

Now, therefore, that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assignees, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the Improvements, and the Application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereof and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for the Improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patents for the Improvements to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

We hereby covenant and agree that we will communicate to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting the Improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and aid the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the Improvements in all countries.

Title of Invention: **DISK DRIVE WITH A SPHERICAL BALANCE PLUG**

Curtis S. German  
Curtis S. German

7/2/10  
Date

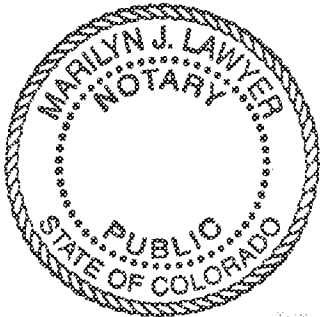
State of Colorado )  
County of Boulder ) ss.

On July 2, 2010, before me, Marilyn J. Lawyer, Notary Public, personally appeared Curtis S. German who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of Colorado that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Marilyn J. Lawyer  
Notary Public



My Commission Expires 02/02/2011

Title of Invention: **DISK DRIVE WITH A SPHERICAL BALANCE PLUG**

.....

*Andrew A. Lucas*  
Andrew A. Lucas

7/2/10  
Date

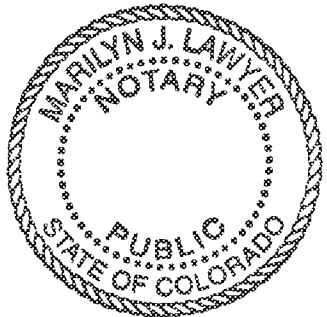
State of Colorado )  
County of Boulder ) ss.

On July 2, 2010, before me, Marilyn J. Lawyer, Notary Public, personally appeared **Andrew A. Lucas** who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of Colorado that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

*Marilyn J. Lawyer*  
Notary Public



My Commission Expires 02/02/2011

Title of Invention: **DISK DRIVE WITH A SPHERICAL BALANCE PLUG**

B. L. R.  
Brian L. Rappel

7/2/2010  
Date

State of Colorado )  
County of Boulder ) ss.

On July 2, 2010, before me, Marilyn J. Lawyer, Notary Public, personally appeared Brian L. Rappel who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of Colorado that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Marilyn J. Lawyer  
Notary Public



My Commission Expires 02/02/2011