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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying Party(ies):
FAWCETTE TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

Individual(s) Association
 General partnership Limited Partnership
 Corporation-State California
 Other _____

Additional Name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

Assignment Merger
 Security Agreement Change of Name
 Other _____

Execution Date: September 15, 1999

2. Name and address of receiving Party(ies)

Name: MCG FINANCE CORPORATION

Internal Address: Suite 800

Street Address: 1100 Wilson Boulevard

City: Arlington State: VA ZIP: 22209

Individual(s) Citizenship _____
 Association _____
 General Partnership _____
 Limited Partnership _____
 Corporation-State Delaware
 Other _____

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached: Yes No
 (Designations must be a separate document from Assignment)

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):

A. Trademark Application No.(s)
75/439366

B. Trademark Registration No.'s
2225805

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

6. Total Number of applications and registrations involved:..... 2

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):.....\$ 65.00

Enclosed
 Authorized to be charged to deposit account

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

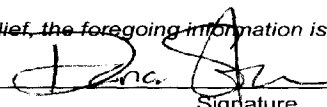
Name: Dana E. Stern, Esq.

Internal Address: Bryan Cave LLP
Suite 700

Street Address: _____
700 13th Street, N.W.

City: Washington State: DC ZIP: 20005

9. State and signature
To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Dana E. Stern  October 18, 1999
 Name of Person Signing Signature Date

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SECURITY AGREEMENT (as may be amended, supplemented and otherwise modified from time to time, "IP Security Agreement") is made and effective as of September 15, 1999, by **FAWCETTE TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS** (including any successor or permitted assignee thereof, "Grantor"), in favor of **MCG FINANCE CORPORATION** (including any successor, participant, assignee or transferee thereof, "Lender").

R E C I T A L S

WHEREAS, Grantor and certain related entities (each, a "Borrower"; collectively, the "Borrowers") desire and have applied to Lender for a credit facility consisting of a \$1.0 million term loan credit arrangement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Credit Facility Agreement by and among Borrowers and Lender dated as of September 15, 1999 (as may be amended from time to time, "Credit Agreement"), a condition precedent to Lender's obligation to execute and perform under the Credit Agreement is that Grantor shall have executed and delivered that certain Security Agreement by and between Grantor and Lender dated as of September 15, 1999 (as may be amended from time to time, "Security Agreement") encumbering all of Grantor's tangible and intangible personal property assets in favor of Lender; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Security Agreement, Grantor has agreed to assign certain intellectual property to Lender for purposes of securing the obligations to Lender under the Credit Agreement and related Loan Documents; and

WHEREAS, Grantor has determined that it is in its best interest to execute this IP Security Agreement inasmuch as Grantor will derive substantial direct and indirect benefits from the funding of the Advances by Lender pursuant to the Credit Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, Grantor and Lender hereby agree as follows:

1. Grant. Grantor hereby grants to Lender an absolute, present, unconditional, continuing first priority security interest in and to Grantor's entire right, title and interest in and to the following property and rights (collectively, the "Collateral"):

(a) The U.S., state and foreign copyrights, associated copyright registrations and applications for copyright registration, and copyright licenses set forth on Schedule A attached hereto (collectively, the "Copyrights"); and

(b) The U.S., state and foreign patents and patent applications, and patent licenses set forth on Schedule B attached hereto, including, without limitation,

improvements, divisions, continuations, renewals, reissues, extensions and continuations-in-part of the same (collectively, the "Patents"); and

(c) The U.S., state and foreign trademark and service mark registrations, trademark and service mark applications, and trademark and service mark licenses set forth on Schedule C attached hereto (including all associated goodwill, collectively, the "Trademarks"); and

(d) Any and all claims and causes of action for past, present or future infringement of any of the Collateral, with the right, but not the obligation, to sue for and collect damages for infringement of the Collateral; and

(e) Any and all licenses or rights granted under any of the Collateral, and all license fees and royalties arising from such licenses or rights, to the extent permitted by such licenses or rights; and

(f) Any and all amendments, renewals, extensions, reissuances and replacements of any of the Collateral; and

(g) Any and all products and proceeds of any of the foregoing.

Notwithstanding the terms of this Section 1, the security interest in Grantor's interest in licenses shall not apply to any license to the extent that each of the following characteristics are satisfied with respect thereto: (i) it either (I) exists on the date hereof, or (II) is a Material Contract entered into after the date hereof in accordance with the standards under Section 5.16 of the Credit Agreement, or (III) is not a Material Contract, and (ii) its existence has been disclosed to Lender to the extent it is a Material Contract, and (iii) it expressly prohibits the granting of a security interest in Grantor's interest therein, and (iv) such prohibition is enforceable under applicable law.

2. Requested Recordation. Grantor authorizes and requests that the Register of Copyrights and the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks (and any state, foreign or other authorities to which this IP Security Agreement is submitted) file and record this IP Security Agreement (and any corresponding or separate application forms of such jurisdiction) in order to publicly reflect Lender's interest in the Collateral.

3. Assignment. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default (as defined in the Security Agreement), Grantor shall execute and deliver to Lender an absolute assignment transferring its entire right, title, and interest in and to the Collateral to Lender.

4. Power of Attorney. Grantor hereby irrevocably grants Lender a power of attorney, to act as Grantor's attorney-in-fact, with full authority in the name, place and stead of Grantor, from time to time in Lender's discretion regardless of whether a Default or Event of Default is occurring:

(a) To modify or amend (in Lender's sole discretion and without first obtaining Grantor's approval of or signature thereto) Schedule A, Schedule B, and/or Schedule C

hereof, as appropriate, to include references to any registered intellectual property (or application or license therefor) acquired by Grantor after the execution hereof or to delete any reference to any Collateral in which Grantor no longer has or claims any right, title or interest; and

(b) To execute, file and pursue (in Lender's sole discretion and without first obtaining Grantor's approval of or signature thereto, unless otherwise prohibited by applicable law) any application, form or other document in order to perfect, maintain, continue or otherwise protect Lender's interest or Grantor's rights in the Collateral, including, without limitation, executing and filing (i) any financing statement, any continuation statement or any amendment thereto, and (ii) any document in any proceeding before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the United States Copyright Office or the relevant office of any state or foreign jurisdiction (including, without limitation, the filing of applications for renewal, affidavits of use, affidavits of incontestability and opposition, interference and cancellation proceedings) and to pay any fees and taxes in connection therewith or otherwise; and

(c) To execute any assignment or other document required to acknowledge, register or perfect Lender's interest in any part of the Collateral without the signature of Grantor unless prohibited by applicable law.

Grantor also hereby irrevocably grants Lender a power of attorney, to act as Grantor's attorney-in-fact, with full authority in the name, place and stead of Grantor, from time to time in Lender's discretion after the occurrence and during the continuance of a Default or an Event of Default, to take any other action and to execute any other instrument which Lender may deem reasonably necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes of the Security Agreement or this IP Security Agreement.

The foregoing power of attorney is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable.

5. Release. The security interest granted herein will terminate (and all rights to the Collateral will revert to Grantor) upon satisfaction of the following conditions:

(a) payment and performance in full of all the obligations secured hereby (unconditionally and indefeasibly) and (b) the termination of the Credit Agreement (and the Facilities thereunder). Upon any such termination, Lender (at Grantor's request and sole expense) will execute and deliver to Grantor (without any representation, warranty or recourse of any kind whatsoever) such documents as Grantor may reasonably request and provide to Lender to evidence such termination.

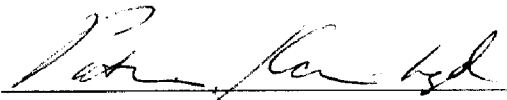
6. Miscellaneous. This IP Security Agreement has been entered into in conjunction with the provisions of and the security interest granted to Lender under the Security Agreement. The rights and remedies of Grantor and Lender with respect to the security interest granted herein are in addition and without prejudice to those set forth in the Security Agreement and the Credit Agreement, all terms and provisions of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference. This IP Security Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts with the same effect as if all the signatures on such counterparts appeared on one document; each such counterpart will be deemed to be an original but all counterparts together will constitute one and the same instrument. In the event that any provisions of this IP Security Agreement are deemed

to conflict with the Security Agreement or the Credit Agreement, the provisions of the Security Agreement or Credit Agreement shall govern.

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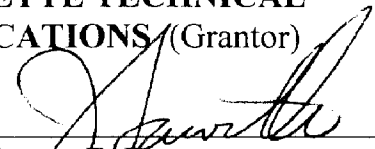
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this IP Security Agreement, as an instrument under seal (whether or not any such seals are physically attached hereto), through their duly authorized officers, as of the date first written above.

ATTEST:

By: 
Name: Patricia Cameron-Loyd
Title: Chief Operating Officer

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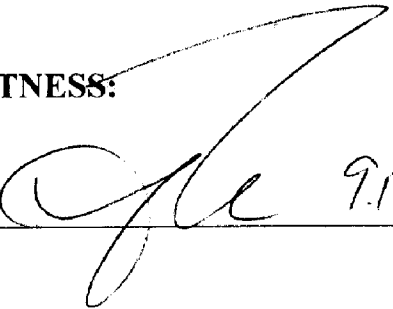
FAWCETTE TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS (Grantor)

By: 
Name: James E. Fawcette
Title: President

Address: 209 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Telephone: (650) 833-7100
Facsimile: (650) 853-0230

WITNESS:

By:  9.17.99

MCG FINANCE CORPORATION (Lender)

By: _____
Jon A. Slabaugh, Managing Director

Address: 1100 Wilson Blvd.
Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22209

Telephone: (703)247-7500
Facsimile: (703)247-7505

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ATTEST:

**FAWCETTE TECHNICAL
PUBLICATIONS (Grantor)**

By: _____
Name: Patricia Cameron-Loyd
Title: Chief Operating Officer

By: _____
Name: James E. Fawcette
Title: President

[CORPORATE SEAL]

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Palo Alto, CA 94301

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WITNESS:

By: Mary Cotturo

**MCG FINANCE CORPORATION
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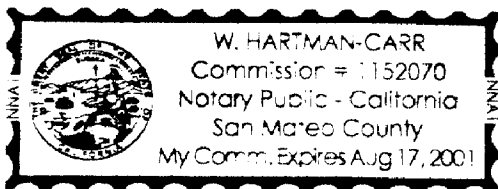
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA :
 : SS
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA :

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, on this 17 day of September, 1999, personally appeared James E. Fawcette and Patricia Cameron-Loyd, to me known personally, who, being by me duly sworn, did each separately say that he/she is the President and Chief Operating Officer (respectively, as appropriate) of Fawcette Technical Publications, and that said instrument (i.e., the Intellectual Property Security Agreement) was signed on behalf of said Fawcette Technical Publications by authority of its Board of Directors, and the said President and Chief Operating Officer each acknowledged said instrument to be his/her free act and deed.



W. Hartman-Carr
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/17/2001

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF Virginia :
 : SS
COUNTY OF Arlington :

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, on this 16th day of September, 1999, personally appeared Jon A. Slabaugh, to me known personally, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the Managing Director of **MCG FINANCE CORPORATION**, and that said instrument (i.e., the Intellectual Property Security Agreement) was signed on behalf of said MCG Finance Corporation by authority of its Board of Directors (through its Credit Committee), and the said Managing Director acknowledged said instrument to be his free act and deed.

Emma J. Burch
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 31, 2002

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SCHEDULE A

COPYRIGHT COLLATERAL

I. Registered Copyrights

<u>Copyright Title</u>	<u>Registration Number</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
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II. Pending Copyright Applications

<u>Copyright Title</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Date of Creation</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
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III. Unregistered Copyrights

<u>Copyright Title</u>	<u>Date of Creation</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>	<u>Original Author/Owner</u>	<u>Date and Recordation Number of Assignment to Grantor</u>	<u>Date of Expected Registration (if applicable)</u>
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IV. Copyright Licenses

<u>Copyright</u>	<u>Licensor</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
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SCHEDULE B

PATENT COLLATERAL

I. Patents

<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
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II. Pending Patent Applications

<u>Patent Title</u>	<u>Atty. Docket Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Serial Filing Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
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III. Patent Licenses

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Licensor</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
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SCHEDULE C

TRADEMARK COLLATERAL

I. Registered Trademarks

<u>Trademark Description</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Registration Number</u>
VBITS	United States	2225 805

II. Pending Trademark Applications

<u>Trademark Description</u>	<u>Atty. Docket Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
VBPJ	11244-TM1016	United States	75/439366	Jan, 1999	Pending

III. Trademark Licenses

<u>Registration Number</u>	<u>Mark</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Licensor</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
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SCHEDULE C

TRADEMARK COLLATERAL

I. Registered Trademarks

<u>Trademark Description</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Registration Number</u>
VBITS	United States	2225 805

II. Pending Trademark Applications

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