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TRADEMARKS ONLY

Patent and Trademark Office

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

1. Name of conveying Party(ies):

DATA CONSULTANTS, INC.

- Individual(s)
- General Partnership
- Corporation-State MICHIGAN
- Other
- Association
- Limited Partnership

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

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment
- Security Agreement
- Other
- Merger
- Change of Name

Execution Date: February 17, 1999

2. Name and Address of receiving Party(ies):

Name: BEST SOFTWARE, INC.

Internal Address:

Street Address: 11413 ISAAC NEWTON SQUARE

City: RESTON State: VA Zip: 22190

- Individual(s) citizenship
- Association
- General Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Corporation-State VIRGINIA
- 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)/Application Date

B. Trademark Registration No.(s)/Registration Date

1,789,239 (registered August 24, 1993)

Additional sheet attached? Yes No

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

Jacobson, Price, Holman & Stern
400 7th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004
Tel. 202-638-6666

Attorney Docket No 7171/S-7060

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41)..... \$ 40.00

- Enclosed
- Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit Account No.: 06-1358

(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account):

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9. Statement 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.

MARSHA G. GENTNER

Name of Person Signing

Signature

February 19, 1999

Date

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TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

This Assignment made this 12th day of February, 1999, by and between Data Consultants, Inc., ("Data"), a Michigan corporation, located at 678 Front Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504 [hereinafter "Assignor"], and Best Software, Inc. ("Best"), a Virginia corporation, located at 11413 Isaac Newton Square, Reston, Virginia 22190 [hereinafter "Assignee"].


WHEREAS, Assignor is the owner of and is using the trademark FIRST STEP, and is the owner of record of the U.S. registration therefor, namely U.S. Trademark Registration No. 1,789,239, issued August 24, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Assignee is desirous of acquiring all right, title and interest in and to the FIRST STEP mark and the U.S. registration therefor of Assignor.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor does hereby sell, assign, set over and transfer to said Assignee, all right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid FIRST STEP mark, and the aforesaid U.S. trademark registration therefor, together with the whole of the goodwill of the business symbolized by said FIRST STEP mark, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor if this Assignment and sale had not been made; together with all claims for damage by reason of past infringement of the aforesaid trademark, with the right to sue for and collect the same for its own use and behalf, and for the use and on behalf of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, said Assignor has executed the foregoing instrument, this 12 day of February, 1999.

DATA CONSULTANTS, INC.

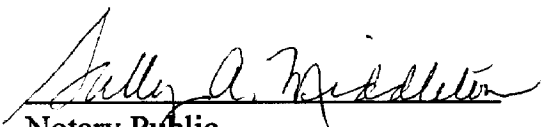
By: 
Michael L. Kuncaitis
President

County of Kent)
) ss:
State of Michigan)

On this 12th day of February, 1999, before me personally appeared Michael L. Kuncaitis, an officer of Data Consultants, Inc., who represented and warranted that he is the individual named above and who executed the foregoing instrument and that he has been duly

EXHIBIT A

authorized by Data Consultants, Inc. to sign, seal and deliver the same as the voluntary act and deed of Data Consultants, Inc. for the uses and purposes therein expressed.


Notary Public

SALLY A. MIDDLETON
Notary Public, Kent County, MI
My Commission Expires September 11, 2001

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