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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):  
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK OF CALIFORNIA

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

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

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

CIRCON CORPORATION  
 6500 Hollister Avenue  
 Santa Barbara, California 93117

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

3. Nature of Conveyance:

Assignment                       Merger  
 Security Agreement             Change of Name  
 Other- RELEASE OF COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT OF REGISTERED TRADEMARKS AND TRADEMARK REGISTRATIONS

Execution Date: JANUARY 19, 1999

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

A. Trademark Application No(s)  
 74/606,123; 74/606,122; 74/491,847; 74/502,720;  
 74/562,245; 74/557,053; 74/527,954; 74/527,963;  
 74/527,965; 74/502,722; 74/557,052; 74/597,331;  
 74/597,330; 74/597,229; 74/597,329

B. Registration No.(s)  
 1,309,843; 1,825,783; 1,849,157; 1,895,005

Additional Numbers attached?  Yes  No

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

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6. Total number of applications and trademarks involved: [19]

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$490.00

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8. Deposit account number:  
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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.

JUDITH ANN KRUGER  
 Name of Person Signing

Judith Ann Kruger                      July 16, 1999  
 Signature                                      Date

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RELEASE OF COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT OF REGISTERED  
TRADEMARKS AND TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, CIRCON CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "Pledgor"), having a mailing address at 6500 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara, California 93117, executed a Trademark Collateral Assignment in favor of FIRST INTERSTATE BANK OF CALIFORNIA, as Agent for the Banks (the "Agent"), dated as of November 22, 1995, duly recorded on January 30, 1996, at Trademark Reel 1392, Frame 0511 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as also recorded on February 27, 1996, at Trademark Reel 1400, Frame 0148 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office to correct an incorrect Trademark Application Number, and pursuant to which the Pledgor collaterally assigned and granted to the Agent, for the benefit of the Banks, a security interest in and to all of Pledgor's right, title and interest in and to certain trademarks, including those trademarks specifically listed on Schedule A attached hereto (the "Marks") and the goodwill associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Agent wishes to release, retransfer and reassign to Pledgor, without representation or warranty, all of the Agent's right, title and interest in and to the Marks and the goodwill associated therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Agent hereby releases, retransfers and reassigns to Pledgor, without representation or warranty, all of the Agent's right, title and interest in and to the Marks and the goodwill associated therewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Agent has executed this Release of Collateral Assignment of Registered Trademarks and Trademark Applications as of this 19 day of January 1999.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION (successor- by-merger to  
First Interstate Bank of California), as Agent

By:



Title:

Vice President

SCHEDULE A

CIRCON CORPORATION TRADEMARKS

| <u>Trademark</u> | <u>Application No. or<br/>Registration No.</u> |
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| BICAP            | 1,309,843                                      |
| HYDRO            | 1,825,783                                      |
| MICRO-6          | 1,849,157                                      |
| MICRO-9          | 1,895,005                                      |
| BIPROBE          | 74-606,123                                     |
| COAG             | 74-606,122                                     |
| DISTEN-U-FLO     | 74-491-847                                     |
| MAXFLOW          | 74-502,720                                     |
| MICRODIGITAL     | 74-562,245                                     |
| MR SERIES        | 74-557,053                                     |
| SNAP-IN SNAP-OUT | 74-527,954                                     |
| SNAP-IN SNAP-OUT | 74-527,963                                     |
| SNAP-IN SNAP-OUT | 74-527,965                                     |
| TRI-SPATULA      | 74-502,722                                     |
| TVP              | 74-557,052                                     |
| VAPORTRODE       | 74-597,331                                     |
| VAPORTRODE       | 74-597,330                                     |
| VAPORTRODE       | 74-597,229                                     |
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