

Re: Please tell me it is going to be okay.....

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Hi Matt,

It is not uncommon to assign a patent multiple times, and for various reasons. Sometimes it's a sale, or a merger or acquisition.

Whether or not you retain ownership in the continuation and/or PCT application depends on the terms of an agreement you make with a purchaser. Generally, a patent application/patent is assigned with the "know how" (e.g., the invention as well as any patent applications are a package) and with any continuation, divisional foreign applications etc. It can be attractive to have a pending application(s) as this allows the user to file additional applications later without issues and allows the new owner to expand the protection and portfolio how they want to.

If you have interest from third parties at a later date you can also think about retaining ownership but licensing the patent - meaning they pay you a royalty to make/use/sell the technology without infringement.

Best regards,

Amanda

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