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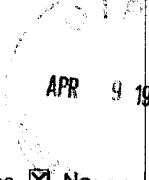
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ASSIGNMENT

Serial No. 08/920,382
Filed: 8/29/97

WHEREAS, *Pierce O. Norton and Robert A. Hoffman*

(*hereinafter called "Assignors"*), *have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to:*

Multi-Illumination-Source Flow Particle Analyzer With Inter-Location Emissions Crosstalk Cancellation

disclosed and claimed in a patent application which was filed on August 29, 1997 and assigned Serial No. 08/920,382; and

WHEREAS, *Becton Dickinson and Company, a corporation of the State of New Jersey, (hereinafter called "Assignee")*, *is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest therein:*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN *that for and in consideration of the premises and in acknowledgment, confirmation and performance of obligations which arose out of the terms and conditions of Assignors' employment by Assignee at the time the invention was made, and/or other valuable considerations to them, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignors have assigned and transferred, and do hereby assign and transfer unto said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this Assignment and sale had not been made;*

And Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that they have a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors further covenant and agree that they will, whenever requested, but without cost to them, promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection for the said inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in said Assignee the complete title to the said inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record said title.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, *Assignors have hereunto set their hands and seals this 24 day of march, 1998.*

Pierce O. Norton

Pierce O. Norton

(L.S.) *Robert A. Hoffman* (L.S.)

Robert A. Hoffman

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BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 24th day of March 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Pierce O. Norton and Robert A. Hoffman who I am satisfied are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to them the contents thereof, they did acknowledge that they signed, sealed, and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.



Janice Lowe
Notary Public