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For the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, WILLIAM F. PUNCH, III, MARILYN R. WULFEKUHLER and ERIK D. GOODMAN of 2885 Holt Road, Williamston, MI 48895, 11070 Bishop Highway, Lansing, MI 48911, and 330 Clarendon, East Lansing, MI 48823, respectively, do hereby assign, sell and set over to MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, a non-profit entity organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan and having a place of business at East Lansing, Michigan 48824, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest, domestic and foreign, in and to the inventions and discoveries in

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set forth in the application for United States Letters Patent executed by us on the 2/5t day of  $M4\gamma$ , 1998, and the 2/5t day of  $M4\gamma$ , 1998, and the 2/5t day of  $M4\gamma$ , 1998, respectively, including the right of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives to make applications and to receive Letters Patent for said inventions and discoveries in any and all foreign countries in its or their own name or names, or in our names, at its or their election, and we hereby assign, sell and set over to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, all rights of priority in and to said inventions and discoveries in all countries.

And we hereby agree for ourselves, our heirs, successors, assigns or other legal representatives to execute any and all papers, including applications for Letters Patent of any and all kinds and in any and all countries and to perform any and all acts which said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives may deem necessary to secure thereto the rights herein assigned, sold and set over.

And we hereby represent and warrant that we have not granted any rights inconsistent with the rights granted herein.

WILLIAM F. PUNCH, III

ERIK D. GOODMAN

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executed the above instrument, and acknowledge that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

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On this  $2/\frac{3}{2}$  day of  $2/\frac{3}{2}$  day of  $2/\frac{3}{2}$ , 1998, personally appeared before me Marilyn R. Wulfekuhler, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledge that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

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