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For value received, (zero dollars and other valuable consideration), CLAGUE P. HODGSON
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(hereinafter Assignor), hereby sells, assigns, transfers, and sets over unto

Nature Technology Corporation (Delaware, USA)

and its successors or assigns (hereinafter Assignee) 100% of the following: (A) Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the inventions entitled "Exhibit A," attached hereto and invented by Assignor; (B) the applications for International patent under the patent cooperation treaty therefor, and (C) any patent or reissues of any patent that may be granted thereon, outside the United States. Assignor authorizes Assignee to enter the date of signature and/or Serial Number and Filing Date in the spaces above. Assignor also authorizes and requests the proper authorities issuing patents in foreign countries outside the United States to issue any resulting patent(s) as follows: 0 % to Assignor and 100 % to Assignee. (The singular shall include the plural and vice-versa herein.)

This assignment is subject to option agreements with Transgene, SA (Strasbourg, France) expiring July 1, 1994, as modified by Dr. Michael Courtney's letters dated September 9, 1995 and October 10, 1995. Assignee acknowledges and assumes full right and responsibility to comply with the option to license the technology as written. In addition, this assignment is subject to compliance of assignee with the terms and provisions of the assignments to Dr. Clague Hodgson by The Ohio State University (dated 22 November, 1995) and Creighton University (dated October 26, 1995), respectively, of certain patent rights requiring royalty payment and reporting. Any noncompliance with such provisions by the assignee shall be the responsibility of the assignee entirely.

Assignor hereby further sells, assigns, transfers, and sets over unto Assignee, the above percentage of assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to said invention in each and every country foreign to the United States; and Assignor further conveys to Assignee the above percentage of all priority rights resulting from the above-identified application for patent. Assignor agrees to execute all papers, give any required testimony and perform other lawful acts, at Assignee's expense, as Assignee may require to enable Assignee to perfect Assignee's interest in any resulting patent of the countries foreign thereto, and to acquire, hold, enforce, convey, and uphold the validity of said patent and reissues and extensions thereof, and Assignee's interest therein.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me V. Carole Obrecht
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Appendix A

Hodgson, U.S. Patent No. 5,354,674, issued October 11, 1994

U.S. application Serial No. 08/269,031, filed June 30, 1994

U.S. application Serial No. 08/030,766 filed March 12, 1993

U.S. application Serial No. 08/060,568, filed May 12, 1993

U.S. application Serial No. 08/097,721, filed July 26, 1993

U. S. application Serial No. 08/130,638, filed Oct. 1, 1993

U.S. application Serial No. 08/194,308, filed Feb. 7, 1994

U.S. application Serial No. 08/213,741 filed March 14, 1994

U.S. application Serial No. 08/345,355, filed Feb. 28, 1995

U.S. application Serial No. 08/522,336, filed September 12, 1995