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Serial No: 09/381,862

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Title: Probes for the Diagnosis of Infections Caused by Streptococcus pyogenes

For Ten U.S. Dollars (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign(s) to FUSO Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd (a Japanese corporation). located at 7-10, Dosho-machi 1 chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 541-0045, JAPAN, (hereinafter "Assignee") its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in the above-identified application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in said application and any and all other United States applicationsn, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States, which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee.

The undersigned warrant(s) themselves (himself/herself) to be the owners (owner) of the interest herein assigned and to have the right to make this assignment and further warrant(s) that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses or other rights in the interest herein assigned.

For said consideration the undersigned hereby agree(s), upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and any and all applications and other documents for Letters Patent in foreign countries on said invention or improvements, that said assignee, its successors or assigns, may deem necessary or expedient, and for the aforesaid consideration the undersigned further agree(s) upon the request of said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, the undersigned hereby agreeing to perform, upon request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent, both United States and foreign, and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in said assignee, its successors and assigns, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said

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