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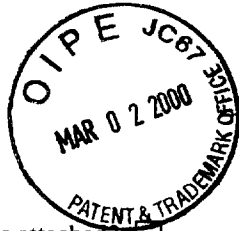
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Kenneth Thomas Douglas, Higher Shore Cottage, Higher Shore Road, Littleborough, OL15 9LW, United Kingdom and Elena Vladimirovna Bichenkova, 2 Egerton Court, Upper Park Road, Manchester, M14 5SL, United Kingdom

hereinafter referred to as Assignor, has made a new and useful invention in Detecting Nucleic Acids for which Assignor has made or will make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Victoria University of Manchester hereinafter referred to as Assignee, a corporation of United Kingdom having a principal place of business at Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL, United Kingdom

desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, which may be obtained therefor and thereon;

NOW THEREFORE, To All Whom It May Concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good, valuable and sufficient considerations to Assignor in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application for United States Letters Patent executed by Kenneth Thomas Douglas this _____ day of _____, 20____, Elena Vladimirovna Bichenkova _____ day of _____, 20____, and any and all other applications thereon and arising therefrom, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all patents to be issued and obtained therefor and thereon, United States and foreign, including all reissues and extensions thereof.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the firm of Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201-4714, U.S.A. to insert here in parentheses (Serial No. _____, Filed _____) the date and serial number of said application when officially known, and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said letters Patent to Assignee, its assigns and legal, representatives.

Assignor agrees to sign and execute any and all other papers necessary or desirable for the procurement of Letters Patent on said invention in this and all foreign countries for the use of Assignee.

Signed at Manchester on Feb 3rd 2000

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