



ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, TRANSGENOMIC, INC., a Delaware corporation, of 5600 South 42nd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68107, is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the following United States Letters Patent:

No. 5,597,467, issued January 28, 1997,  
entitled SYSTEM FOR INTERFACING CAPILLARY  
ZONE ELECTROPHORESIS AND INDUCTIVELY COUPLED  
PLASMA-MASS SPECTROMETER SAMPLE ANALYSIS  
SYSTEMS, AND METHOD OF USE

and


WHEREAS, MIDWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Missouri and having its principal place of business at 425 Volker Boulevard, Kansas City, County of Jackson, and State of Missouri, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, TRANSGENOMIC, INC. by these presents does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said MIDWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE the entire right, title and interest in and to said patent and any reissues thereof, together with any and all rights of recovery for past infringement of said patent, the same to be held by said MIDWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE for its own use and behoof, and for its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said patent has been granted, as fully and

entirely as the same would have been held by TRANSGENOMIC, INC.  
had this assignment and sale not been made.

EXECUTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, ~~1999~~ <sup>2000</sup>.

TRANSGENOMIC, INC.

By   
COLLIN D'SILVA  
Title: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

STATE OF California )  
COUNTY OF Santa Clara ) ss.

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, ~~1999~~ <sup>2000</sup>,  
before me personally appeared Collin D'Silva, to me  
known to be the person described in, and who executed the  
foregoing instrument, and who duly acknowledged to me that he  
executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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My Commission Expires:

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