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(1) **F. HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE AG**

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Yes No

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City: **Branchburg** State: **New Jersey** Zip:

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Assignment

We,

F. HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE AG (Assignor), a Swiss Company
of 124 Grenzacherstrasse, CH-4070 Basle (Switzerland)

hereby assign to

ROCHE DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEMS, INC. (Assignee)

a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New Jersey, and having its principal place of business at Branchburg, New Jersey, U.S.A.,

all of our right, title and interest within the United States of America and its territorial possessions in and to the invention described and claimed in a patent application entitled

AUTOMATIC ANALYZER FOR MONITORING PIPETTING OPERATIONS

which has been filed in the U.S. Patent Office in the name(s) of the inventor(s)

Claudius Burkhardt
Fritz Gödl

and in respect of which a declaration and Power of Attorney was executed by

Claudius Burkhardt on September 13, 1999
Fritz Gödl on September 13, 1999

and in and to said patent application and Letters Patent that may issue thereon.

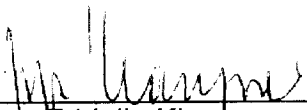
Said U.S. patent application is based upon the following foreign application(s):

in Europe on September 30, 1998 under No. 98810985.6

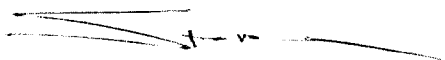
and was assigned to F. HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE AG, Basle, Switzerland, by the said inventor(s) by an assignment dated September 13, 1999.

Basle, Switzerland, this 22nd day of March 2000.

F. HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE AG



Fridolin Klausner
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