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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, WE, Leslie M. Hoffman of Madison, WI; and Gregory A. Hawkins of Madison, WI have made certain inventions which are described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled Method of Identifying Nucleic Acid Molecules, filed May 13, 1998 as U.S. Serial No. 09/078,290, and

WHEREAS, Epicentre Technologies Corporation (hereinafter referred to as said Company), a Wisconsin corporation having a place of business at 1202 Ann Street, Madison, Wisconsin is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in said inventions throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof, for all other countries and under all international agreements,

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Company, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof, for all foreign countries and under all international agreements in and to said inventions, the aforesaid application, all other applications hereafter filed in the United States, in any other country, or under any international agreement based in whole or in part on said inventions, and all Letters Patents granted upon said applications by the United States, by any other country or under any international agreement, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Company. We further grant to said Company, its successors and assigns, the right to claim for any of said applications the full benefits and priority rights of any international agreement between the United States and any foreign country or countries or between any other countries.

We hereby warrant that we have the full right to make the conveyance herein, and we hereby covenant that we, our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, will when requested, communicate to said Company, its representatives, successors and assigns, all facts known respecting said inventions, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue, reexamination and foreign or international applications, together with individual assignments therefor, make all rightful oaths, sign all lawful papers, testify in any legal proceeding and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors and assigns, in the obtaining of Letters Patent.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the location and on the date indicated with our signatures.

Date: 4/11/00

 (SEAL)  
LESLIE M. HOFFMAN

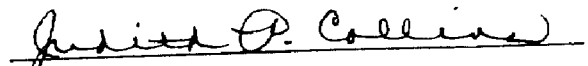
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Before me on this 11th day of April, 2000, came LESLIE M. HOFFMAN, to me known to be the person named in the foregoing assignment and he/she acknowledges his/her execution thereof to be his/her free act and deed.

(SEAL)

  
Notary Public,  
State of Wisconsin

My Commission: is permanent

Date: 3/16/00

[Signature] (SEAL)  
GREGORY A. HAWKINS

WITNESSES:

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North Carolina  
STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
COUNTY OF Guilford ) SS

Before me on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000, came GREGORY A. HAWKINS, to me known to be the person named in the foregoing assignment and he/she acknowledges his/her execution thereof to be his/her free act and deed.

(SEAL)

Tracy R. Young  
Notary Public,  
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