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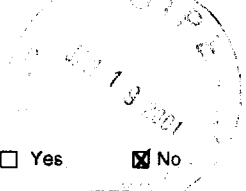
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# Assignment

Serial No. 09/544,756

Filed March 31, 2000

WHEREAS:

James E. Opre, residing at 736 Chicago Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515, ~~and Mark Henneberry, residing at 589 West Jefferson Street, El Paso, Illinois 61738,~~ a United States citizen (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), has invented and owns a certain invention entitled:

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for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been executed on March 31, 2000, and

WHEREAS:

Vertec BioSolvent, LLC, having a place of business at 411 Business Center Drive, Suite 111, Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056 (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a limited liability corporation of the State of Delaware, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and the United States Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that in consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE TO ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and all Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefor on said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof and in and to all Letters Patent and all Convention and Treaty rights of all kinds, in all countries throughout the world for said invention for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

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