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PATENT APPLICATION ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, **Janet Elizabeth Manning**, having a correspondence address of **26 Bank View, Goostrey, Cheshire, CW4 8PB, United Kingdom**, and **John Charles Plant**, having a correspondence address of **10 Airedale Spinney, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 8AZ, United Kingdom**, have invented new and useful improvements in an

A Method for Detecting Microorganisms

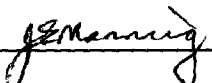
for which application is being made for Letters Patent, said application and further being identified by International Application No. **PCT/GB99/02730**.


WHEREAS, **OSMETECH PLC** having a correspondence address at **Electra House, Electra Way, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 6WZ, United Kingdom**, is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in said application and any Letters Patent which may issue thereon:

NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, we hereby assign to said organization for the territory of the United States of America and the entire world our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, patent application and patent, including all priority rights for patent applications foreign to the United States of America.

WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will at any time, upon the request and at the expense of said organization, execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention, applications and patents, and we authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue Letters Patent to said organization.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we execute this assignment on the 12th
day of January ²⁰⁰¹~~2000~~.


(signature of **Janet Elizabeth Manning**)


(signature of **John Charles Plant**)