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WHEREAS, we, Ján Burian and William W. Kay (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), having post office addresses of ~~A5 445 S.W. Marine Drive, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V5X 2R9~~ <sup>50 - 1732 Newton Street, Victoria, British Columbia, V8R 2R2</sup>, and 3620 Cadboro Bay Road, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada V8R 5K8, respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "REPLICATION GENES AND GENE PRODUCTS FROM SMALL CRYPTIC PLASMIDS AND METHODS FOR CONSTRUCTING CONTROLLED-REPLICATION PLASMID VECTORS," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on March 13, 1998 and assigned Application No. 09/042,071, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/040,722, filed on March 14, 1997, and entitled "REPLICATION GENES AND GENE PRODUCTS FROM SMALL CRYPTIC PLASMIDS AND METHODS FOR CONSTRUCTING HIGH-COPY NUMBER PLASMID VECTORS."

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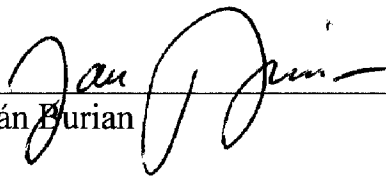
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NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNORS agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

March 27, 2001

Date

Ján Burian



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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Ján Burian is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that she signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated March 27, 2001

Signature of Notary Public



Printed Name

D.K. LOVETT

My appointment expires

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March 27, 2001

Date

*William Kay*

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