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WHEREAS,

Inventor(s) Name, Address, Citizenship

Date Patent Declaration Signed and Title Serial No. and filing date (if known)

Name of Corporation

State or Country of Incorporation and Address 1. Satoshi NISHIMURA residing at c/o ARKRAY, Inc., 57, Nishiaketa-cho, Higashikujo, Minami-ku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto 601-8045, Japan and a citizen of Japan; 2. Kouji HIGASHINO residing at c/o ARKRAY, Inc., 57, Nishiaketa-cho, Higashikujo, Minami-ku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto 601-8045, Japan and a citizen of Japan; 3. __ residing at __ and a citizen of ;

(herein called "THE UNDERSIGNED") have made an invention and have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on this invention, which application is entitled METHOD FOR PREVENTING BLOOD DENATURATION AND BLOOD TEST TOOL TO BE USED THEREIN and which has been given Serial Number 09/786,147 and the filing date of February 28, 2001.

AND WHEREAS ARKRAY, Inc. (herein called "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized under the laws of Japan, and having an office and place of business at 57, Nishiaketa-cho, Higashikujo, Minami-ku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto 601-8045, Japan

wishes to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and patent application and any Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, THE UNDERSIGNED hereby sell, assign and transfer to the ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the said application, all divisions, continuations, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and THE UNDERSIGNED hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid invention to the ASSIGNEE of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use of the ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby agree that THE UNDERSIGNED, their executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver (without charge but at the expense of the ASSIGNEE) any and all other instruments in writing including any and all further application papers, affidavits, assignments and other documents, and will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and representatives all facts known to THE UNDERSIGNED relating to said invention and the history thereof and will testify in all legal proceedings and generally do all things which may be necessary or desirable to vest the ASSIGNEE, its successors or assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned and conveyed, or intended so to be.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, THE UNDERSIGNED have hereunto set their hand on the dates indicated below.

Each inventor must sign & date

Note: No legalization or other witness required

Signature

Signature

April 25, 2001

Date

April 26, 2001

Date

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