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ASSIGNMENT FOR UNFILED APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

WHEREAS:

KENNETH RAININ, 26 Sea View Avenue, Piedmont, California 94611, and JAMES S. PETREK, 365 Conway Drive, Danville, California 94526 (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

PIPETTE WITH IMPROVED PIPETTE TIP AND MOUNTING SHAFT

(Patent Docket 01R-1), for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been executed on even date(s) herewith,

WHEREAS:

RAININ INSTRUMENT CO., INC., a Massachusetts Corporation having offices at 5400 Hollis Street, Emeryville, California 94608, U.S.A. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

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 in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and to all Letters Patent or similar legal protection in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries to be obtained for said invention by said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

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June 12, 2001

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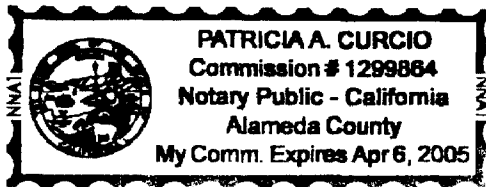
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Details of Country
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State of California
County of Alameda
United States of America

Before me this 12th day of June 2001 personally appeared the above named individual, to me known to be one of the persons who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.



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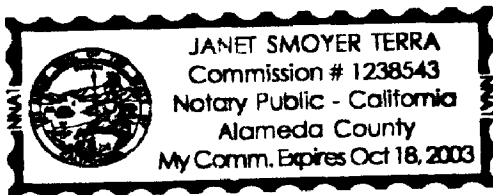
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Before me this 29th day of June 2001 personally appeared the above named individual, to me known to be one of the persons who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.



Janet Smoyer Terra
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