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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Ajay Kumar, a citizen of India, residing at 41505 Terrazzo Drive, Palmdale, CA 93551, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a PSEUDO-ETCHING OF DIAMOND-LIKE CARBON COATED INSTRUMENTS for which I have filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, Application No. 09/853,256, filed May 11, 2001;

AND WHEREAS, NOBEL BIOCARE AB (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Swedish Corporation, with its principal place of business at Bohusgatan 15, P.O. Box 5190, SE-402 26 Goteborg, SWEDEN, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said inventor, do hereby acknowledge that I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I HEREBY covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of August, 2001.

Ajay Kumar
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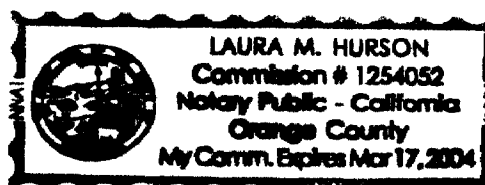
STATE OF California
COUNTY OF Orange ss.

On Aug. 9, 2001 before me, Laura M. Hurson, personally appeared Ajay Kumar personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Laura M. Hurson
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