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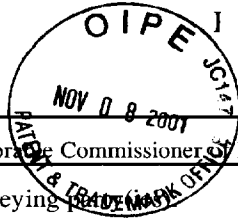
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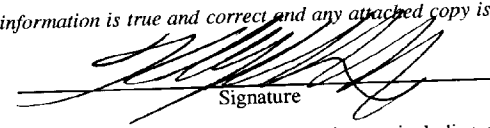
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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, effective the 20^D day of NOVEMBER, 2001 by Perclose Inc., a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of Delaware (hereinafter referred to as "The Assignor"), witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the Assignor is owner of the following United States Patents relating to the inventions and improvements described therein:

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
5,417,699	May 23, 1995

WHEREAS, Abbott Laboratories, a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of Illinois and having its principal place of business at 100 Abbott Park Road, Abbott Park, Illinois, 60064, (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said United States Patents and the inventions and improvements described therein, the right to file applications on said inventions and applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefore and thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these representatives, and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the above United States Patents, the inventions and improvements disclosed therein, the right to file applications on said inventions and improvements and the entire right, title, and interest in and to any application for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to any of said patent applications, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries that may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all applications claiming priority to said applications, divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part, of said applications, and reissues and extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, for its own use and behalf and the use and behalf of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor had this sale and assignment not been made including all rights to sue for and recover for any past, present, and future infringement;

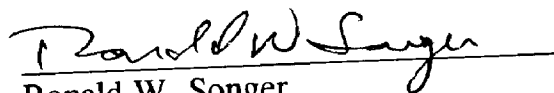
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AND the Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner for Patents to issue any and all said Letters Patent of the United States to the Assignee as the Assignee of said Patents, inventions, and improvements, the Letters Patent to be issued for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

Perclose, Inc. (Assignor)

Date: 11-2-01



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