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**SOLE ASSIGNMENT**

The ASSIGNOR,

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has invented certain new and useful improvements in

**CENTRIFUGE HAVING A SPRING-LOADED NUT FOR SECURING A ROTOR TO A DRIVE  
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an invention which is fully described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed by him or her this day; and

The ASSIGNEE, Kendro Laboratory Products, L.P., a Limited Partnership, having its principal office at 31 Peck's Lane, Newtown, Connecticut 06470, wishes to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and under Letters Patent which may be obtained for this invention.

For valuable and legally sufficient considerations, receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the Assignor sells, assigns and transfers to Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the above-identified invention and application filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office herewith and for the full term of any Letters Patent of the United States that may issue for the invention.

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Inventor's Name Klaus Schütz

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