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WHEREAS Zeptosens AG of Benkenstrasse 254, 4108 Witterswil, Switzerland is desirous of acquiring such interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration to it paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Novartis AG by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Zeptosens AG the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, as described in the above set forth U.S. Letters Patent Application Serial No. 09/711,294, to be held and enjoyed by Zeptosens AG, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives to the full end of the term for which such Letters Patent has been granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Novartis AG if this Assignment and sale had not been made.

Novartis AG

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