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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Linda B. Whittall
Grayson Walker Stowell
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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

aaiPharma Inc.
2320 Scientific Park Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

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- Merger
- Security Agreement
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4. Application Serial No. 09/839,395, filed April 20, 2001 Patent No. _____

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

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Signature

June 26, 2002
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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, **Linda B. Whittall**, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 2204 Splitbrook Court, Wilmington, North Carolina 28411; **Grayson Walker Stowell**, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 710 Darwin Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405; and **Robert R. Whittle**, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 5006 Pine Needles Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403; and

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in **PROCESS FOR PURIFYING OMEPRAZOLE** for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 20, 2001, under Serial No. 09/839,395, and

WHEREAS, **aaiPharma Inc.**, a North Carolina corporation having a principal place of business at 2320 Scientific Park Drive, Wilmington, State of North Carolina 28405, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

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We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this 25th day of June, 2002.

Linda B. Whittall (SEAL)
Linda B. Whittall

Grayson Walker Stowell (SEAL)
Grayson Walker Stowell

Robert R. Whittle (SEAL)
Robert R. Whittle

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
) ss:
COUNTY OF New Hanover)

Before me personally appeared the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes therein stated, this 25th day of June, 2002.

Jenni E. Otter
Notary Public

SEAL

My Commission Expires: April 4, 2006

