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In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign to:

**Tecan Trading AG, a corporation of Switzerland, located at
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**Device for Processing Samples, Use of the Device, and Method for
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in the offices of MCDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOF and in said application and any and all other applications, both United States and foreign, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries, which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension of such patents, and further assigns to said assignee the priority right provided by the International Convention.

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