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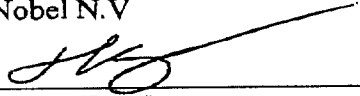
CONFIRMATORY ASSIGNMENT


Akzo Nobel N.V. ("Akzo"), a corporation having a principal place of business at Velperweg 76, Postbus 9300, 6800 SB Arnhem, The Netherlands and bioMérieux, Inc. ("bioMérieux"), a Missouri corporation having its principal place of business at 100 Rodolphe Street, City of Durham, State of North Carolina, have executed an "Agreement and Deed of Transfer of Patents" ("the Agreement") on or about June 29, 2001 transferring certain issued and pending patent applications.

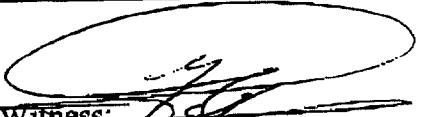
Akzo, the named Assignor of the patents and patent applications listed in the chart below, does accordingly hereby confirm by signature below of a person with the authority to sign therefor, that it has sold, assigned, transferred and/or conveyed to bioMérieux the entire right, title and interest in and to said patents and applications, and in and to any additional continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor or thereon, including all corresponding patents and patent applications filed or granted in foreign countries, along with the right to claim priority therefrom, in accordance with the International Convention.

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