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for which we have on December 3, 2002 filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, the application having been assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 10/309,527, and

WHEREAS, Vela Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at Building 4, Suite 216, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNEE", is desirous of acquiring said invention and said application for Letters Patent,

WHEREAS, now and at the time the invention was made, said invention was subject to an obligation by ASSIGNORS to assign their entire right, title and interest therein to ASSIGNEE.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable executed consideration, the full receipt and sufficiency of all of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, we, the undersigned ASSIGNORS, hereby agree to sell, assign, transfer and convey and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the above-named ASSIGNEE, the whole and entire right, title and interest

in and to said invention as described in the above application for Letters Patent, for the territory of the United States and its possessions and territories and all foreign countries, and

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[Signature] (L.S.)  
Herbert W. Harris

[Signature] (L.S.)  
Robert F. Kucharik

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Before me, a notary public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this 4 day of February, 2003 personally appeared **Herbert W. Harris** who being to me personally known, and who having first executed the foregoing instrument in my presence and having been by me first duly sworn, did acknowledge the foregoing instrument as his free deed and act, signed, sealed and delivered by him for the purpose therein stated and intending to be legally bound thereby and intending that said instrument be recorded.

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**AnnMarie Lucarella**  
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Before me, a notary public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this 4 day of February, 2003 personally appeared **Robert F. Kucharik** who being to me personally known, and who having first executed the foregoing instrument in my presence and having been by me first duly sworn, did acknowledge the foregoing instrument as his free deed and act, signed, sealed and delivered by him for the purpose therein stated and intending to be legally bound thereby and intending that said instrument be recorded.

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