



To the Honorable

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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

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4. Application Serial No. 10/031,222; Patent No. _____

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Julie H. Richardson, Reg. No. 40,142

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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, **Kreuwel, Hermanus, Johannes, Maria**, a citizen of The Netherlands, residing at Vivaldistraat 10, 5481 LW Schijndel, The Netherlands and **Verwimp, Emiel, Gerebern, Maria**, a citizen of Belgium, residing at Reigerstraat 22, 2440 Geel, Belgium;

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MIXING MAGNETIC PARTICLES WITH A FLUID** for which Application Serial No. 10/031,222 with an international filing date of July 14, 2000 has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

WHEREAS, **bioMérieux B.V.**, a Netherlands corporation having a principal place of business at Boseind 15, 5281 RM Boxtel, The Netherlands, 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, I 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 or other forms of protection which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, along with any term extensions granted therefor, 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 me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

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

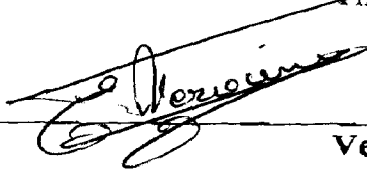
We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to the inventions and applications above-mentioned, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant and agree 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 inventions and Letters Patents, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives; and we hereby instruct, and further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns to do same, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee or its representatives.

Assignor



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Before me this 19th day of August, 2002 personally appeared the above named individual(s) to me known to be the person(s) who (is) (are) described in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that (he) (she) (they) executed the same of (his) her) (their) own free will (on behalf of said firm or corporation) for the purposes therein set forth.

By Hans van der Woord

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