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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, MURUGAN R. PANDIAN, of the City of Mission Viejo, State of California, and have invented certain new and useful improvements in

**METHODS OF DETERMINING AN INCREASED RISK OF A WOMAN CARRYING A
DOWNS SYNDROME AFFECTED FETUS BY MEASURING AN ANALYTE IN A
BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE**

or which the said MURUGAN R. PANDIAN, executed application papers for a patent application having been filed on August 8, 2000, and assigned United States Serial Number 09/634,118, now U.S. Patent Number 6,492,178; and

WHEREAS, Quest Diagnostics Investments Incorporated, a Corporation of the State of Delaware, hereinafter called Assignee, having its place of business at 300 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware 19899 is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent therefor granted in the United States of America, and in any and all countries foreign thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to us in hand paid by Assignee, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, MURUGAN R. PANDIAN, by these presents sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest for the territory of the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise), in and to the said invention as described in said application, and in and to all Letters Patent granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters Patent on said inventions or resulting therefrom to said Assignee, as assignee of our entire right, title and interest, and we covenant that we have full right so to do and agree that we will communicate to said Assignee, or its successors any and all facts known to us regarding said invention whenever requested, and will testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers,

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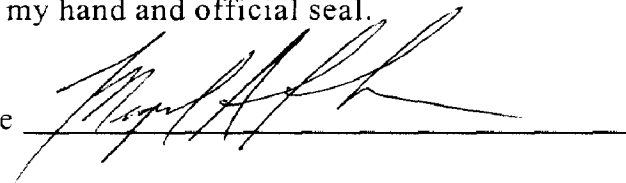
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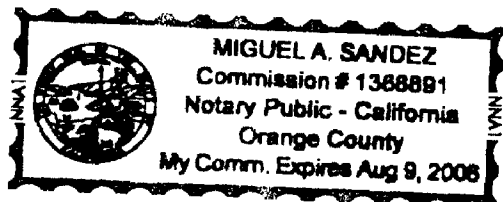

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On April 2nd, 2003, before me Miguel A. Sandez, Notary Public personally appeared MURUGAN R. PANDIAN ~~personally known to me~~ (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/~~are~~-subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/~~she~~/~~they~~ executed the same in his/~~her~~/~~their~~ authorized capacity(~~ies~~), and that by his/~~her~~/~~their~~ signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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