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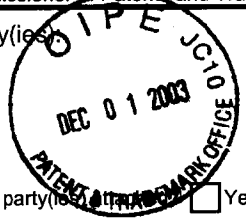
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WHEREAS, I Michael M. Neff of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented an improvement in THE GENE FOR A DOF TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR CAPABLE OF ALTERING THE SIZE AND STATURE OF A PLAN described in a patent application for a United States patent assigned Serial No. 10/650,249 filed August 28, 2003 (File WSHU 2064.1);

AND, WHEREAS, Washington University of One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63130, a not for profit corporation of the State of Missouri (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;

NOW, THEREFORE, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, I have agreed to and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto in and to said invention, said United States application, any other United States applications (including provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, or reissue applications) based in whole or in part on said United States application or in whole or in part on said invention, any foreign applications based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States application or in whole or in part on said invention, and any and all patents (including extensions thereof) of any country which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said invention or any part thereof;

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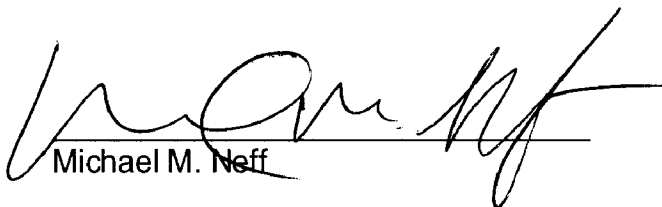
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AND I hereby severally agree for myself and for my respective heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said ASSIGNEE fully to secure to said ASSIGNEE its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

AND I hereby severally covenant for myself and my respective legal representatives that I have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention, to anyone except said ASSIGNEE, that prior to the execution of this deed my right, title and interest in said invention had not been otherwise encumbered, and that I have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand.


11/20/03
Date


Michael M. Neff

STATE OF Missouri)
COUNTY OF St. Louis)

On this 20 day of November, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Michael M. Neff to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.


Notary Public

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