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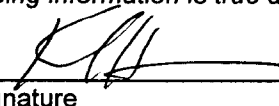
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WHEREAS, MAX-PLANCK-GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FÖRDERUNG DER WISSENSCHAFTEN E.V. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), having a place of business at Generalverwaltung, Hofgartenstrasse 8, 80539 Munich, Germany, is the owner of an invention entitled "PROTON-TRANSLOCATING RETINAL PROTEIN," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on January 27, 2002, and assigned Application No. 10/343,318. This application is a national stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP01/08715, filed July 27, 2001, which application claims priority to German Patent Application No. 100 36 745.3, filed July 27, 2000 and German Patent Application No. 100 48 383.6, filed September 29, 2000;

WHEREAS, MIB MUNICH INNOVATIVE BIOMATERIALS GMBH (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), having a place of business at Am Klopferspitz 19, 85152 Martinsried, Germany, is desirous of acquiring from ASSIGNOR the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said letters patent and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, said letters patent to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE for its use and benefit and of its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all instruments and documents required for litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

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