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We, DAVID J. ROSS, residing in SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND and WYATT N. VREELAND, residing in WASHINGTON, DISTRICT of COLUMBIA, "Micellar Gradient Focusing," and have filed an application for United States Letters Patent, Serial Number 10/864,485 on June 10, 2004.

The invention was made while we were employees of the United States Department of Commerce and under such circumstances that applicable laws and regulations render the patent rights assignable to the United States. The United States of America, represented by the Secretary of Commerce, wishes to acquire these rights.

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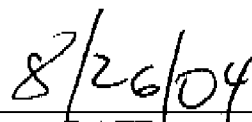
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we sign



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