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WHEREAS, Roche Diagnostics Operations, Inc. ("ASSIGNEE"), a Delaware corporation, having its principal office at 9115 Hague Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250, United States of America, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the Application;

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Roche Diagnostics GmbH

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