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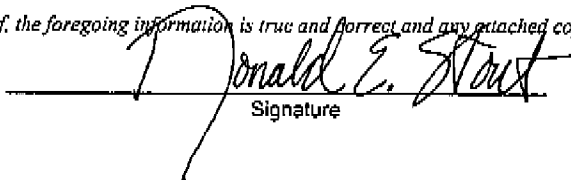
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WHEREAS, we, RONALD N. DIAMOND and WILLIAM A. STARK, of the State of California, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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for which the said RONALD N. DIAMOND and WILLIAM A. STARK executed application papers for a patent application having been filed on September 5, 2001 and assigned United States Serial Number 09/946,194; and

WHEREAS, QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INVESTMENTS INCORPORATED, a corporation of the State of Delaware, hereinafter called Assignee, having a business address of 300 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware 19899, is desirous of acquiring my 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, we, RONALD N. DIAMOND and WILLIAM A. STARK 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

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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, execute all divisional, reissue and continuation applications, and generally do everything possible to aid said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

Executed this 27th day of September, 2004.

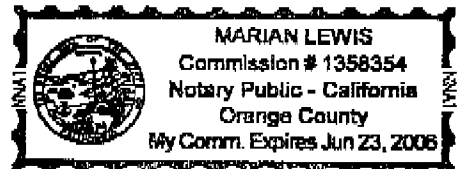
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On Sept. 27, 2004, before me Marian Lewis, notary public, personally appeared RONALD N. DIAMOND personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument 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.

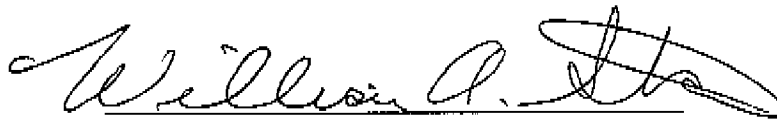
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Executed this 25 day of Oct., 2004.



WILLIAM A. STARK

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On October 25, 2004, before me Jarrod Ledford,
personally appeared WILLIAM A. STARK 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
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My Commission expires January 10, 2005.

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