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John Wayne Cancer Institute, a corporation of **California**

having a place of business at

St. John South Health Center, 2200 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90404

its successors, assigns and legal representatives (hereinafter called the "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest, for the United States, in and to certain inventions relating to for which an application for United States Letters Patent entitled:

**DETECTION OF MICROMETASTASIS OF MELANOMA AND BREAST CANCER IN
PARAFFIN-EMBEDDED TUMOR DRAINING LYMPH NODES BY MULTIMARKER
RT-PCR**

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and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues and extensions thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patent upon said inventions to the Assignee or to such nominees as it may designate.

AND we authorize and empower the said Assignee or nominees to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions filed by it or them, the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization from us.

AND we hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file or like document which may be required in the United States for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of said Assignee or nominees to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it.

AND we hereby covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND we hereby covenant and agree that we will communicate to said Assignee or nominees all facts known to us pertaining to said inventions, and testify in all legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations and in general perform all lawful acts necessary or proper to aid said Assignee or nominees in obtaining, maintaining and enforcing all lawful patent protection for said inventions in the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 4th day of June, 2004.

By: *Dave Hoon*
Dave S.B. Hoon

STATE OF)
COUNTY OF)

On June 4, 2004, before me Marymille M. Alo,
Notary Public, personally appeared **Dave S.B. Hoon** personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

By: *M Alo*
Signature of Notary



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this ____ day of _____, 2004.

By: _____
Hiroya Takeuchi

STATE OF)
COUNTY OF)

On _____, before me _____,
Notary Public, personally appeared **Hiroya Takeuchi** personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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By: _____
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AND we hereby covenant and agree that we will communicate to said Assignee or nominees all facts known to us pertaining to said inventions, and testify in all legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations and in general perform all lawful acts necessary or proper to aid said Assignee or nominees in obtaining, maintaining and enforcing all lawful patent protection for said inventions in the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 2004.

By: _____
Dave S.B. Hoon

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____)

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Notary Public, personally appeared Dave S.B. Hoon personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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By: _____
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 4 day of June, 2004.

By: Hiroya Takeuchi
Hiroya Takeuchi

STATE OF _____)
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