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WHEREAS, the Marine Biological Laboratory, a nonprofit organization organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and having a usual place of business at 7 MBL Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543 (hereinafter "ASSIGNOR"), is an owner by assignment of the invention(s) described and/or claimed in the application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled:

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR THE DETECTION OF MICROBIAL CONTAMINANTS

Attorney Docket No. , and/or executed by me on even date herewith and about to be filed in the United States Patent Office; and

Serial No. 10/803,177 filed in the United States Patent Office on March 17, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Charles River Laboratories, Inc. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having a usual place of business at 251 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, desires to acquire an interest therein, in accordance with agreements previously entered into between ASSIGNOR and ASSIGNEE;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for and in consideration of said agreements and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned and transferred and by these presents does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, ASSIGNOR's entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America, its territories and all foreign countries, in and to the invention(s) described in said application, together with ASSIGNOR's entire right, title and interest in and to said application and such Letters Patent as may issue thereon or claim priority under United States law or international convention, including but not limited to non-provisionals, continuations, divisionals, reissues, reexaminations, extensions, and substitutions of said application or such Letters Patent, and any right, title and interest ASSIGNOR may have in provisional applications to which said application claims priority; said invention(s), applications and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE for its own use and behalf and for its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made; ASSIGNOR hereby conveys all of its rights arising under or pursuant to any and all United States laws and international agreements, treaties or laws relating to the protection of industrial property by filing any such applications for Letters Patent, including but not limited to any cause(s) of action and damages accruing prior to this assignment. ASSIGNOR hereby acknowledges that this assignment, being of its entire right, title and interest in and to said invention(s), carries with it the right in ASSIGNEE to apply for and obtain from competent authorities in all countries of the world any and all Letters Patent by attorneys and agents of ASSIGNEE's selection and the right to procure the grant of all Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE in its own name as assignee of ASSIGNOR's entire right, title and interest therein;

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AND, ASSIGNOR hereby further agrees to execute upon request any other lawful documents and likewise to perform any other lawful acts which may be deemed necessary to secure fully the aforesaid invention(s) to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, but at its or their expense and charges, including the execution of non-provisional, substitution, continuation, divisional, reissue, reexamination, or corresponding foreign or international patent applications;

AND, ASSIGNOR hereby further agrees to provide statements or testimony in any interference or other proceeding in which said invention(s) or any application or patent directed thereto may be involved;

AND, ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said application, or applications based thereon, to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or legal representatives.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, ASSIGNOR has hereunto set its hand and affixed its seal on the date set forth below.

MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

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On this 2 day of 304, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared 30 day of 30, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification (the evidence of identification was 30 days of the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, and who affirmed to me that he/she is authorized to sign on behalf of the Marine Biological Laboratory.

Signature of Notary

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