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ASSIGNMENT
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WHEREAS, THOMAS VESS, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, have invented certain new and useful improvements, which are described and claimed in an application, provisional or otherwise, for United States Letters Patent entitled QUANTITATION OF NUCLEIC ACID USING GROWTH CURVES and identified by Serial No.: 10/946,904 Filing Date: September 21, 2004

WHEREAS, ROCHE MOLECULAR SYSTEMS, INC. of 1145 Atlantic Avenue, Alameda, California 94501, an company organized under the Laws of the State of Delaware, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application and in any United States Letters of Patent which may be granted on the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, and ASSIGNEE'S successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the said invention, said application for United States Letters Patent, and any Letters of Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States including any application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e), divisions, renewals, continuations in whole or in part, substitutions, conversions, reissues, reexaminations, prolongations or extensions thereof, the said interest to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNOR had this assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent.

UPON said consideration, ASSIGNOR do hereby covenant and agree with the said ASSIGNEE that ASSIGNOR will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents. ASSIGNOR further agree that he or she will, without charge to said ASSIGNEE, but at ASSIGNEE'S expense, cooperate with ASSIGNEE in the prosecution of said application and/or applications, execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications for Letters Patent and for the reissue thereof, and instruments of assignment and transfer thereof, and will perform such other acts as ASSIGNEE lawfully may request, to obtain or maintain Letters Patent for said invention and improvement in any and all countries, in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, including but not limited to, giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents and executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the

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foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the assigns and legal representatives of all parties hereto.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed by the ASSIGNOR

Thomas Vess
Thomas Vess

1/21/05
Date

State of California

County of Alameda ss.

On Jan 21, 2005 before me, Winsome St. Rose
Notary Public for the State of California, personally appeared THOMAS VESS, 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 acknowledge to that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument this individual, or the entity upon behalf of which he acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Winsome St. Rose
Notary Public for the State of California

