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ASSIGNMENT

Whereas we, the undersigned,

Reinhard Lihl, a citizen of Austria, residing at Belghofergasse 29, A-1120 Vienna, Austria;

Hubert Goll, a citizen of Austria, residing at Wellensteinstrasse 24, A-3107 St. Pölten, Austria;

Ferdinand Pauliny, a citizen of Austria, residing at Ortliebasse 4/27, A-1170 Vienna, Austria;

hereby have made certain inventions or discoveries (or both) set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America entitled

**DEVICE AND METHOD FOR RAPID TISSUE PREPARATIONS FOR
HISTOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS**

identified as Attorney Docket No. **21295.77 (E0592US)**, which application was filed on 3/31/2004, and assigned Application No. 10/491,336. In the event that the execution date, filing date and/or Application No. are not entered above at the time we execute this document, and if such information is deemed necessary, we hereby authorize and request our attorneys at HOUSTON ELISEEVA LLP, 4 Militia Drive, Ste. 4, Lexington, MA 02421, USA to insert above the execution date, filing date and/or Application No. of said application; and

Whereas, **Leica Mikrosysteme GmbH**, having an office and a place of business at **Hernalser Hauptstrasse 219, A-1170 Vienna, Austria**, and which, together with its successors and assigns, is hereinafter called "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits and privileges hereinafter recited;

Now, therefore, for valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to us, receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, we hereby, without reservation:

1. Assign, transfer and convey to Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, any and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, reissue and Convention applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries, or upon said applications, together with the right of priority of earlier-filed German application DE 101 49 345.2, and any and all Letters Patent, reissues, reexaminations, and extensions of Letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon or arise from said inventions, said discoveries, said applications and said Letters Patent;

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2. Authorize Assignee to file patent applications in any or all countries on any or all of said inventions and discoveries in our names or in the name of Assignee or otherwise as Assignee may deem advisable, under the International Convention or otherwise;

3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue or transfer all said Letters Patent to Assignee, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein or otherwise as Assignee may direct;

4. Warrant that we have not knowingly conveyed to others any right in said inventions, discoveries, applications or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that we have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance;

5. Bind our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, as well as ourselves, to do, upon Assignee's request and at Assignee's expense, but without additional consideration to us or them, all acts reasonably serving to assure that the said inventions and discoveries, the said patent applications and the said Letters Patent shall be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and entirely as the same could have been held and enjoyed by us, our heirs, legal representatives and assigns if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by Assignee; to communicate to Assignee all facts known to us relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof; and to furnish Assignee with any and all documents, photographs, models, samples and other physical exhibits in our control or in the control of our heirs, legal representatives or assigns which may be useful for establishing the facts of our conceptions, disclosures, and reduction to practice of said inventions and discoveries.

In testimony of which we have executed this Assignment on the date indicated next to our name.

Dated: 03/22/04


Reinhard Lihl

I declare that I did see the above-named
individual sign this document in my presence.

Witness: _____

Date: _____

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Dated: 03/22/04

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Ferdinand Pauliny
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