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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, **Kenneth D. James**, citizen of the United States, residing at 3908 Long Meadow Drive, Mebane, North Carolina 27302; **Balasingham Radhakrishnan**, citizen of the United States, residing at 209 Faison Road, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517; **Navdeep B. Malkar**, citizen of India, residing at 831 Berwick Valley Lane, Cary, North Carolina 27513; **Mark A. Miller**, citizen of the United States, residing at 1820 Avent Ridge Road, Apt. 201, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606; and **Nnochiri N. Ekwuribe**, citizen of Nigeria, residing at 216 Coltsgate Drive, Cary, North Carolina 27511;

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in **NATRIURETIC COMPOUNDS, CONJUGATES, AND USES THEREOF** for which a Patent Application Serial No. 10/999,761 was filed on November 30, 2004 which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/574,436, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/723,933 which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/429,151; and

WHEREAS, **Nobex Corporation**, a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 617 Davis Drive, Suite 100, Durham, North Carolina 27713, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefore in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues or other forms of protection thereof which may be granted therefore or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted along with any term extensions thereon or therefore, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be

held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant and agree to promptly communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee our complete rights in the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives; and we hereby instruct, and further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, to do the same, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee or its representatives.

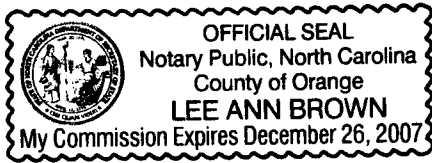
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 30th day of December, 2004.

Kenneth D. James (Seal)
Kenneth D. James

STATE OF North Carolina)
COUNTY OF Durham)

SS:

Before me personally appeared Kenneth D. James the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me execution of the same for the purposes therein stated, this 30th day of December, 2004



Lee Ann Brown
Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: December 26, 2007

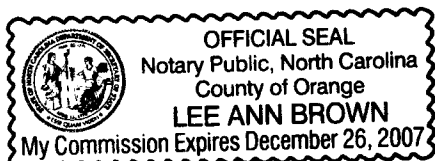
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 4th day of January, 2005.

Balasingham Radhakrishnan (Seal)
Balasingham Radhakrishnan

STATE OF North Carolina)
COUNTY OF Durham)

SS:

Before me personally appeared Balasingham Radhakrishnan the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me execution of the same for the purposes therein stated, this 4th day of January, 2005



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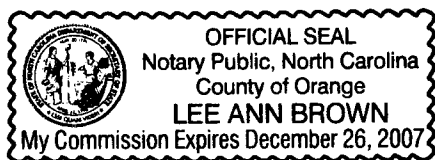
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 30th day of December, 2004.

Navdeep B. Malkar (Seal)
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STATE OF North Carolina)
COUNTY OF Durham)

SS:

Before me personally appeared Navdeep B. Malkar the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me execution of the same for the purposes therein stated, this 30th day of December, 2004



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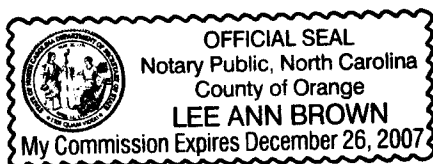
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 4 day of January, 2005.

Mark A. Miller (Seal)
Mark A. Miller

STATE OF North Carolina)
COUNTY OF Durham)

SS:

Before me personally appeared Mark A. Miller the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me execution of the same for the purposes therein stated, this 4th day of January, 2005



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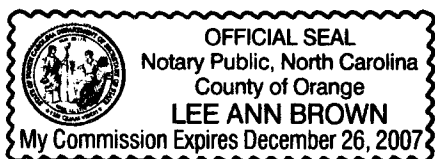
My Commission Expires: December 26, 2007

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 4th day of January, 2005.

Nnochiri N. Ekwuribe (Seal)
Nnochiri N. Ekwuribe

STATE OF North Carolina)
COUNTY OF Durham) ss:

Before me personally appeared Nnochiri N. Ekwuribe the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me execution of the same for the purposes therein stated, this 4th day of January, 2005



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