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WHEREAS I, **ZHIFENG REN**, residing at **19 Carter Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02460**, have invented certain new and useful improvements in an invention entitled

METHOD OF PRODUCING A BRANCHED CARBON NANOTUBE FOR USE WITH AN ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE

which is set forth in a patent application in the United States Serial No. 10/413,598, filed on April 14, 2003, Attorney Docket No. 65,092-038; and

WHEREAS, **BOSTON COLLEGE**, an entity having a place of business at **21 Campanella Way 550, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467, U.S.A.**, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring said invention and said patent application and any domestic and foreign patent or patents that may be obtained therefore or thereupon;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One United States Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, the full and entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said patent application, including the right of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives to file any and all divisional, continuation, and continuation-in-part applications claiming priority to said patent application, or the right to seek reissues or extensions of any patent that may be issued for said invention, with the same to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this Assignment and sale not been made; and

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HEREBY REPRESENT and warrant that I have the full right to convey the entire interest of said invention and said applications herein assigned and have not granted any rights inconsistent with the rights granted herein.

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