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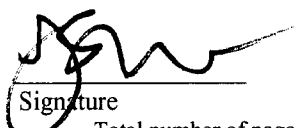
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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

Sample Observation Method, Microscope, and Solid Immersion Lens, Optical Contact Liquid Used In the Method

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on even date herewith unless otherwise indicated below:

filed on June 28, 2004, Serial No. 10/876776; and

Whereas

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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that, for good and valuable consideration from assignee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/WE, as assignor(s), have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the assignee, its lawful successors and assigns, MY/OUR entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention and this application, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof; and I/WE hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patent for this invention to assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

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