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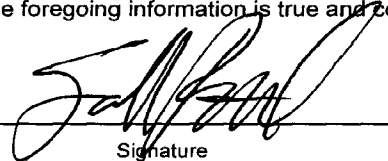
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, **John D. Walsh**, a citizen of Australia, residing at 704 Wellingham Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27713, respectively, have invented and own a certain invention entitled

METHOD FOR RECOVERING MICROORGANISMS FROM A SAMPLE

for which an application for a United States Letters Patent is being filed concurrently herewith in the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and

WHEREAS, **bioMérieux, Inc.**, a Missouri corporation having a principal place of business at 100 Rodolphe Street, Durham, North Carolina 27712 (hereinafter referred to as assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patents which shall be granted therefore in the United States of America and in any 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, I have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the 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 me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

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

I further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, I possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that I have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

I further covenant and agree to promptly communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to me 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 complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives; and I hereby instruct, and further covenant and agree to bind my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, to do same, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee or its representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this on the date set forth below.

WITNESSES:

John D. Walsh

ASSIGNOR:

John D. Walsh
John D. Walsh

DATED:

12/9/04