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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENTS

WHEREAS, GENTRA SYSTEMS INC:. (hereafter "Assignor"), having a principal place of business at 13355 10th Avenue North, Plymouth, Minnesota 55441, is the owner of the patents (the "Patents") and the patent applications (the "Patent Applications") set forth on Schedule A attached hereto, and the inventions described in and claimed therein (the "Inventions"); and,

WHEREAS, QIAGEN NORTH AMERICAN HOLDINGS, Inc. (hereafter "Assignee"), a California corporation having its principal corporate offices at 19300 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest of Assignor in and to said Patents, Patent Applications and Inventions.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents does hereby assign, transfer and convey, unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, its entire right, title and interest in and to the Patents and Patent Applications as set forth and described in Schedule A attached hereto, and the Inventions, and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part and renewals of such Patents and Patent Applications and all Patents which may be granted on such Patent Applications, and Inventions, and all reissues, re-examinations and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for an invention described in any of the foregoing Patents or Patent Applications in the United States or in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said Patent Applications under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the European Patent Convention, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for the Inventions in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions. renewals and reissues thereof; together with all claims for damages by reason of past infringement, with the right to sue for, and collect the same for the use of Assignee, its successors and assigns, as well as all of the rights incident to such ownership, including but not limited to manufacturing, use, sale and importation of the products and/or methods evidenced by the Patents and Patent Applications.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any organization, country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

Assignor hereby covenants and agrees that it has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that it has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

This Assignment is effective as of this 24th day of May, 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has caused these presents to be signed by a duly authorized officer.

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Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Schedule A

Patents and Patent Applications

Title: (Improved) Method to Isolate DNA

Inventors: Ellen Heath, Kristen Benedict, and Nate Morken

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
|---------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| United States | 2/15/2002 | 10/075,593 | US 2003/0157492 |
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| PCT | 2/15/2002 | PCT/US02/04569 | WO 03/070945 A1 |
| EP | 2/15/2002 | 02724956.4 | EP 1487977A1 |
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| Canada | 2/15/2002 | 2,476,456 | CA 2,476,456 AA |
| Australia | 2/15/2002 | 2002255555 | |

Title: Low pH RNA Isolating Reagents, Methods, and Kit Inventor: Ellen Heath

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
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| United States | 6/2/1997 | 08/868,243 | 5,973,137 |

Title: Computer Implemented DNA Isolation Method Inventors: Heath, E., and Shuman, R.

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
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| US | 02/22/1999 | 09/255,146 | |
| US | 07/27/1999 | 09/361,829 | US20020133002A1 |
| WO (PCT) | 02/22/2000 | PCT/ US00/04483 | WO 00/49557 |
| EP | 02/22/2000 | 00913564.1 | EP1159702A2 |
| JP | 02/22/2000 | 2000-600225 | JP2002541773T |
| AU | 02/22/2000 | 34988/00 | AU 3498800 A |
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| CA | 02/22/2000 | 2,371,825 | CA 2,371, 825 A1 |

Title: Mixing and Pouring Apparatus and Vessel Thereof Title: Mixing and Pouring Apparatus with Rotatable Arm and Related Vessel Inventors: Heath, E., Shuman, R., Kluge, D., and Campbell, G.

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
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| U.S. | 10/16/2003 | 10/687,449 | US 2004/0092731 A1 |
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| U.S. | 10/20/1999 | 09/420,965 | US 2002/0133002A1 |
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| EP | 10/13/2000 | 00972178.8 | WO 01/28680 A2 |
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| Australia | 10/13/2000 | 10876/01 | AU0110876 A5 |
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Title: Rotor Locator (US '615, PCT)

Title: Rotor Locator for a Centrifuge (US '553)

Title: Method for Locating a Centrifuge Body (US '932)

Title: Centrifuge Buckets (US '759)

Inventors: Campbell, G., Kluge, D., Campbell, G., Heath, E., and Shuman, R.

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
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| U.S. | 8/11/2000 | 09/637,777 | US 6,491,615 B1 |
| PCT | 8/1/2001 | WO2001US0024049 | WO 0213975 A3 |
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Title: Vessel with Retention Features and Method Therefor Inventors: O'Brien, Darin, Morken, Nate, and Wirbisky, Alan

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
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| United | 4/20/2004 | 10/827,872 | US 2005/0229724 A1 |
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Title: Compositions and Methods for Using a Lysing Matrix For Isolating DNA Inventors: Ellen Heath and Ruth Shuman

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
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| Canada | 2/2/1999 | 2,319,775 | CA2319775AA |
| Australia | 2/2/1999 | 20033204434 | AU2574499A1 |
| Japan | 2/2/1999 | 529422/00 | 529422/00 |

Title: Process for Isolating Amplifying, and Characterizing DNA (Generation methods with claims similar to Lysing Matrix application) Inventors: Ellen Heath and Ruth Shuman

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
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| Canada | 2/2/1999 | 2,319,665 | CA2319665AA |
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Title: Eluting Reagents, Methods and Kits for Isolating DNA Inventors: Ellen Heath and Ruth Shuman

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
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Title: Apparatuses and Methods for Isolating Nucleic Acids Concept for an automated system incorporating Generation chemistry w/ treated solid phase Inventors: Ellen Heath and Ruth Shuman

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
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Title: Compositions and Methods for Using a Solid Support to Purify RNA Inventors: Ellen Heath and John Wages

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
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| U.S. | 10/12/2001 | 09/974,798 | US 2003/0073830A1 |
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Title: Compositions and Methods for Using a Solid Support to Purify RNA Inventors: Bair, R., Heath, E., Meehan, H., Paulsen, K., and Wages, J.

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| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
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| U.S. | 8/2/2004 | 10/909,724 | US 20050032105 A1 |
| PCT | 8/2/2005 | PCT/US2005/027419 | WO 2006/028616 |

Title: Compositions and Methods for Purifying Nucleic Acids from Stabilization Reagents Inventor: Rob Bair and Kim Paulsen

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| United States | 11/5/2004 | 60/625,513 | |
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| PCT | 11/3/2005 | PCT/US2005/39837 | |

Title: Formulations and Methods for Denaturing Proteins Inventor: Kim Paulsen

| Country | Date | Appl. No. | Pub. Number |
|---------|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| United | 12/16/03 | 60/530,392 | |
| States | 12/15/2004 | 11/012,527 | US 2005 0171333 |
| PCT | 12/15/2004 | PCT/US2004/42044 | WO2005/058933A1 |

Title: Compact Apparatus, Compositions And Methods For Purifying Nucleic Acids Inventors: Wirbisky, Alan; Quinn, Tim; Van Der Lught, Nick; Johnson, Rebecca; Morken, Nate, Paulsen, Kim; Strom, Dan; Baldrica, Jim

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