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WHEREAS, Orion Engineering AG, having its principal office at Blegistrasse 1, CH-6343, Rotkreuz, Switzerland, owns U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/460,822 filed July 23, 2009, entitled "A laboratory system for handling sample tube racks, an alignment element for sample tube racks and a rack tray receiver assembly"; and

WHEREAS, Roche Diagnostics AG ("ASSIGNEE"), a corporation of Switzerland, having its principal office at Forrenstrasse, CH-6343 Rotkreuz, Switzerland, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the Application;

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