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THIS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), is made and entered into this 3rd day of December, 2003 (the "Effective Date"), by and between Vertex Pharmaceuticals (San Diego) LLC, ("Assignor"), a Delaware limited liability company with an address at 11010 Torreyana Road, San Diego, California, and Aurora Discovery, Inc. ("Assignee"), a Delaware corporation with an address at 9645 Scranton Road, Suite 140, San Diego, California, 92121 (each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties").

WHEREAS, Assignor is the owner of all rights, title and interest in and to the inventions (the "Inventions") as described in the United States and foreign patents and patent applications as listed on Schedule A hereto (the "Patents");

WHEREAS, Assignor's parent corporation, Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated ("Vertex"), and Assignee have agreed by an asset purchase agreement (the "Asset Purchase Agreement") dated December 3, 2003 by and among Vertex, Aurora Instruments LLC and Assignee, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference, that Assignor shall sell, transfer, assign and set over unto Assignee, and Assignee shall accept, all rights, title and interest in and to the Patents;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements of the Parties and pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. Assignor hereby sells, transfers, assigns and sets over to Assignee all rights, title and interest (for all countries) in and to the Patents, and all the rights and privileges under any letters patent that may be granted therefor and thereon and all reissues and extensions

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thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, copyright, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said Patents in any country or countries, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from the Patents under the patent laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, 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 applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, copyrights and designs which may hereafter be filed for said Patents in any country or countries, together with the right to file such applications; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates, copyrights and designs which may be granted for said Patents in any country or countries and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof.

2. Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate.

3. Assignor agrees that, whenever reasonably requested by Assignee and at Assignee's expense, Assignor will execute all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be reasonably necessary or desirable for securing and maintaining patents for the inventions in any country and for vesting title thereto in Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.



4. Assignor authorizes and empowers Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees, to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for the Inventions, the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization from Assignor.

5. Assignor hereby consents that a copy of this Assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file or like document that may be required in any country for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of Assignee or nominee to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have signed this Agreement as of
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Joshua S. Boger, President

ASSIGNEE:

Aurora Discovery, Inc.

By: _____

Name: J M MacKinnon

Title: President

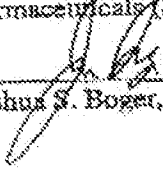
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PATENTS

BOOKET NO	SERIAL NO	PATENT NO	TITLE	COUNTRY	STATUS	FILED	ISSUED
AURO-011.01 US	09/059,015	5,885,214	Systems and Methods for Rapidly Identifying Useful Chemicals in Liquid Samples	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	5/16/93	11/19/99
AURO-011.01 AU	7476366	745507	Systems and Methods for Rapidly Identifying Useful Chemicals in Liquid Samples	AUSTRALIA	ISSUED	5/14/1999	5/12/2002
AURO-011.01 CA	2,290,505		Systems and Methods for Rapidly Identifying Useful Chemicals in Liquid Samples	CANADA	PENDING	5/14/1999	
AURO-011.01 EP	98 922 180 9		Systems and Methods for Rapidly Identifying Useful Chemicals in Liquid Samples	EUROPEAN PATENT CONVENT	PUBLISHED	5/14/1999	
AURO-011.01 JP	10-545034		Systems and Methods for Rapidly Identifying Useful Chemicals in Liquid Samples	JAPAN	PENDING	5/14/1999	
AURO-011.01 US	09/257,957	US2002012811A1	Methods for Rapidly Identifying useful chemicals in liquid samples	UNITED STATES	PUBLISHED	4/7/1999	
AURO-011.02 US	09/285,435	6,472,218	Systems and Methods for Rapidly Identifying Useful Chemicals in Liquid Samples	UNITED STATES	PENDING	4/21/1999	
AURO-011.03 US	09/285,434		Systems and Methods for Rapidly Identifying Useful Chemicals in Liquid Samples	UNITED STATES	PENDING	4/21/1999	

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AURO-011.01 US	09/236,438	6,466,800	Systems and Methods for Rapidly Identifying Useful Chemicals in Liquid Samples	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	4/21/1999	10/2/2002
AURO-011.05 US	09/252,942		High Throughput Chemical Handling System	UNITED STATES	PENDING	2/19/1999	
AURO-012.00 US	08/667,567	6,063,338	Low Background Multi-Well Plates and Platforms for Spectroscopic Measurements	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	6/2/1997	5/16/2000
AURO-012.01 WO	PCT/US96/1051	W/O 8/55/231	Low Background Multi-Well Plates for Fluorescence Measurements of Biological and Biochemical Samples	WIPO	PUBLISHED	5/29/98	
AURO-012.01 CA	2,282,739		Low Background Multi-Well Plates for Fluorescence Measurements of Biological and Biochemical Samples	CANADA	PENDING	5/29/1998	
AURO-012.01 EP	95 925 658.4		Low Background Multi-Well Plates for Fluorescence Measurements of Biological and Biochemical Samples	EUROPEAN PATENT CONVENT	PENDING	5/29/1998	
AURO-012.01 JP	11-502625		Low Background Multi-Well Plates for Fluorescence Measurements of Biological and Biochemical Samples	JAPAN	PENDING	5/29/1998	
AURO-012.01 US	09/638,043	6,232,114	Low Background Multi-Well Plates for Fluorescence Measurements of Biological and Biochemical Samples	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	6/3/1997	5/15/2001
AURO-013.00 US	09/667,584	6,229,503	Low Background Multi-Well Plates With Greater Than 80% Wells For Spectroscopic Measurements	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	6/2/1997	5/8/2001

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AURO-013.01 US	09058,046	5,910,287	Low Background Multi-well Plates with Greater than 804 Wells for spectroscopic Measurements	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	6/3/1997	6/8/1999
AURO-015.00 US	09116,728	US 2002/001075A1 5,628,671	Detector and Screening Device for Ion Channels	UNITED STATES	PUBLISHED	7/7/1998	
AURO-015.01 WO	PCT/US99/18170	WO/00/04956	Detector and Screening Device for Ion Channels	WPO	PUBLISHED	7/15/99	
AURO-015.01 CA	2,273,045		Detector and Screening Device for Ion Channels	CANADA	PENDING	7/15/1999	
AURO-015.04 EP	99 111 603 B		Detector and Screening Device for Ion Channels	EUROPEAN PATENT CONVENT	PUBLISHED	7/15/1999	
AURO-015.01 JP	2000-60004		Detector and Screening Device for Ion Channels	JAPAN	PENDING	8/17/2001	
AURO-015.01 US	09122,544	5,949,100	Detector and Screening Device for Ion Channels	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	7/24/1998	2/19/2002
AURO-016.00 US	09134,052	5,254,833	Microplate Lid	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	7/31/1998	7/3/2001
AURO-018.01 US	09173,750		Microplate Lid	UNITED STATES	PENDING	11/27/00	

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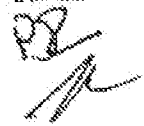
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AURO-025.00 EP	99 908 436.1		Low Fluorescence Assay Platform and Related Methods for Drug Discovery	EUROPEAN PATENT CONVENT	PENDING	2/24/1999	
AURO-025.00 US	09/030,578	6,171,780	Low Fluorescence Assay Platform and Related Methods for Drug Discovery	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	2/24/1998	4/9/2004
AURO-025.00 WO	PC16/US8304029	WO3942603	Low Fluorescence Assay Platform and Related Methods for Drug Discovery	WPO	PUBLISHED	2/24/03	
AURO-025.00 US	09/476,959	6,517,731	Low Fluorescence Assay Platform and Related Methods for Drug Discovery	UNITED STATES	PENDING	4/3/2000	2/1/03
AURO-025.00 US	10/120,844	US2003/155617A1	Low Fluorescence Assay Platform and Related Methods for Drug Discovery	UNITED STATES	PUBLISHED	4/9/2002	
AURO-026.00 BR	74257-00	30378-00	Multi-Well Platform	BENELUX	ISSUED	7/7/1998	7/7/1999
AURO-026.00 CA	1962-1903	65211	Multi-Well Platform	CANADA	ISSUED	7/7/1998	8/12/1999
AURO-026.00 CH	125.403	125.403	Multi-Well Platform	SWITZERLAND	ISSUED	7/6/1998	9/23/1998

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AURO-026.00 DE	4302830.7	4302830.7	Multi-Well Platform	GERMANY	ISSUED	7/7/1998	12/23/98
AURO-026.00 DK	MA 1263 0357	MA 1263 01004	Multi-Well Platform	DENMARK	ISSUED	7/7/1998	10/12/99
AURO-026.00 ES	143178	143179A	Multi-Well Platform	SPAIN	ISSUED	7/7/1998	4/28/1999
AURO-026.00 FR	384011	384011	Multi-Well Platform	FRANCE	ISSUED	7/7/1998	11/27/98
AURO-026.00 GB	2375824	2375824	Multi-Well Platform	UNITED KINGDOM	ISSUED	7/7/1998	12/7/98
AURO-026.00 IT	TO380003170		Multi-Well Platform	ITALY	PENDING	7/7/1998	
AURO-026.00 JP	10-45735	1060253	Multi-Well Platform	JAPAN	ISSUED	7/7/1998	9/14/2000
AURO-026.01 USD	297081,969	0428,157	Platform for a Multi-Well Field	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	1/12/1998	7/11/2000
AURO-026.02 USD	297081,976	0454,202	Multi-Well Platform Having 2,456 Wells	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	1/12/1998	3/5/2002

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AURO-036.00 CA	2,354,555		Fluid Dispenser and Dispensing Methods(Prior)	CANADA	PENDING	12/10/93	
AURO-036.00 EP	90 565 275-0		Fluid Dispenser and Dispensing Methods(Prior)	EUROPEAN PATENT CONVENT	PENDING	12/10/93	
AURO-036.00 JP	2000-580447		Fluid Dispenser and Dispensing Methods(Prior)	JAPAN	PENDING	12/10/93	
AURO-036.00 US	080210,260	6,295,811	Fluid Dispenser and Dispensing Methods(Prior)	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	12/10/98	10/20/01
AURO-036.01 WO	IPC:US2002/0403	WO00/33361	Fluid Dispenser and Dispensing Methods(Prior)	WIPO	PUBLISHED	12/10/99	
AURO-036.01 US	080300,590	US20010055814A1	Fluid Dispenser and Dispensing Methods(Prior)	UNITED STATES	PUBLISHED	2/15/2001	
AURO-036.00 US	08/111,563	6,428,050	Multi-well Platforms, Caddies, Lids and Combination thereof	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	7/7/98	7/30/2002
AURO-036.01 US	10/206,315	US20030035597A1	Multi-well Platforms, Caddies, Lids and Combination thereof	UNITED STATES	PUBLISHED	7/30/2002	
AURO-041.00 US	08/228,258	6,372,185	Liquid Chemical Distribution Methods and Apparatus	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	1/14/99	4/15/2002

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AURO-041.01 US	10002,974	US2002/119077A 1	Liquid Crystall Disposition Methods and Apparatus	UNITED STATES	PENDING	2/23/2002	
AURO-043.03 US	02047,246	5,444,059	Multiswell Scanner and Scanning Method	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	10/12/00	9/12/02
AURO-043.01 WO	PCT/US02/23,447	WO01/27,653	Multiswell Scanner and Scanning Method	WIPO	PUBLISHED	10/12/00	
AURO-040.01 US	06,025,545	5,555,257	Multiswell Scanner and Scanning Method	UNITED STATES	ISSUED	9/19/00	7/1/03
AURO-043.01 EP	975255.1		Multiswell Scanner and Scanning Method	EUROPEAN PATENT CONVENT	PUBLISHED	10/12/00	
AURO-043.01 JP	530040020		Multiswell Scanner and Scanning Method	JAPAN	PENDING	10/12/00	
AURO-043.02 US	10021,172	US2002/192118A 1	Multiswell Scanner and Scanning Method	UNITED STATES	PUBLISHED	7/31/02	
VP003-13	PROVISIONAL 60/467,062		Field Microdissection Discharge Office	UNITED STATES	PENDING	4/30/03	
VP003-14	PROVISIONAL 60/466,938		Dual-Use, High Density Microplate	UNITED STATES	PENDING	4/30/03	

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VP003-15	PROVISIONAL 60/467,061		Screening Devices	UNITED STATES	PENDING	4/20/03	
VP003-105	60/450,056		Reagent Dispenser and Dispensing Method	UNITED STATES	PENDING	2/26/03	

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