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#### SIMCERE PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP

## CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND INVENTION ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

As a condition of my employment with Simcere Pharmaceutical Group, its subsidiaries, successors or assigns (together the "Company"), and in consideration of my employment with the Company and my receipt of the compensation now and hereafter paid to me by Company, I agree to the following:

#### 1. Confidential Information.

- a. *Company Information*. I agree at all times during the term of my employment and thereafter, to hold in strictest confidence, and not to use, except for the benefit of the Company, or to disclose to any person, firm or corporation without written authorization of the board of directors of the Company, any Confidential Information of the Company. I understand that "Confidential Information" means any Company proprietary information, technical data, trade secrets or know-how, including, but not limited to, research, product plans, products, services, customer lists and customers (including, but not limited to, customers of the Company on whom I called or with whom I became acquainted during the term of my employment), markets, software, developments, inventions, processes, formulas, methods, devices, techniques, instruments, materials, technologies, designs, drawings, engineering, hardware configuration information, all other current or pending intellectual properties, marketing, finances or other business information disclosed to me by the Company either directly or indirectly in writing, orally or by drawings or observation of parts or equipment. I further understand that Confidential Information does not include any of the foregoing items which has become publicly known and made generally available through no wrongful act of mine or of others who were under confidentiality obligations as to the item or items involved.
- b. *Former Employer Information.* I agree that I will not, during my employment with the Company, improperly use or disclose any proprietary information or trade secrets of any former or concurrent employer or other person or entity and that I will not bring onto the premises of the Company any unpublished document or proprietary information belonging to any such employer, person or entity unless consented to in writing by such employer, person or entity.
- c. *Third Party Information*. I recognize that the Company has received and in the future will receive from third parties, including affiliated companies and subsidiaries of the Company, their confidential or proprietary information subject to a duty on the Company's part to maintain the confidentiality of such information and to use it only for certain limited purposes. I agree to hold all such confidential or proprietary information in the strictest confidence and not to disclose it to any person, firm or corporation or to use it except as necessary in carrying out my work for the Company consistent with the Company's agreement with such third party.

#### 2. Inventions.

- a. *Inventions Retained and Licensed.* I have attached hereto, as <u>Exhibit A</u>, a list describing all processes, inventions, technology, original works of authorship, developments, improvements, formulas, patents, discoveries, copyrights and trade secrets which were made by me prior to my employment with the Company (collectively referred to as "Prior Inventions"), which belong to me, which relate to the Company's proposed business, products or research and development, and which are not assigned to the Company hereunder; or, if no such list is attached, I represent that there are no such Prior Inventions. If in the course of my employment with the Company, I incorporate into a Company product, process or machine a Prior Invention owned by me or in which I have an interest, the Company is hereby granted and shall have a nonexclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide license to make, have made, modify, use, sell and engage in other actions with respect to such Prior Invention as part of or in connection with such product, process or machine.
- b. **Assignment of Inventions.** I agree that I will promptly make full written disclosure to the Company, will hold in trust for the sole right and benefit of the Company, and hereby assign to the Company, or its designee, without further compensation, all my right, title, and interest in and to any and all inventions, original works of authorship, developments, concepts, improvements or trade secrets, whether or not patentable or registrable under copyright or similar laws, which I may solely or jointly conceive or develop or reduce to practice, or cause to be conceived or developed or reduced to practice, during the period of time I am in the employment of the Company (collectively referred to as "Inventions"), except as provided in Section 3(c) below. I further agree that all patentable and copyrightable works which are made by me (solely or jointly with others) within the scope of and during the period of my employment with the Company, are "works made for hire" and I hereby assigns all proprietary rights, including patent and copyright, in these works to the Company without further compensation.
- c. *Unrelated Inventions*. Inventions as referenced to in Section 3(b) does not include inventions which I can demonstrate to be developed entirely on my own time without using the Company's equipment, supplies, facilities or trade secret information (the "Unrelated Inventions"), unless those inventions that are either (i) related at the time of conception or reduction to practice of the invention to the Company's business, or actual or demonstrably anticipated research or development of the Company, or (ii) result from any work performed by me for the Company. I agree to disclose promptly to the Company all such Unrelated Inventions and to provide the Company or its assignee first rights of refusal to license such disclosed Unrelated Inventions within three months after my disclosure of such Unrelated Inventions based on commercially negotiated terms.
- d. *Maintenance of Records*. I agree to keep and maintain adequate and current written records of all Inventions made by me (solely or jointly with others) during the term of my employment with the Company. The records will be in the form of notes, sketches, drawings, and any other format that may be specified by the Company. The records will be available to and remain the sole property of the Company at all times.
- e. *Patent and Copyright Registrations*. I agree to assist the Company, or its designee, at the Company's expense, in every proper way to secure the Company's rights in the Inventions and any copyrights, patents or other intellectual property rights relating thereto in any

and all countries, including the disclosure to the Company of all pertinent information and data with respect thereto, the execution of all applications, specifications, oaths, assignments and all other instruments which the Company shall deem necessary in order to apply for and obtain such rights and in order to assign and convey to the Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees the sole and exclusive rights, title and interest in and to such Inventions, and any copyrights, patents or other intellectual property rights relating thereto. I further agree that my obligation to execute or cause to be executed, when it is in my power to do so, any such instrument or papers shall continue after the termination of this Agreement. If the Company is unable because of my mental or physical incapacity or for any other reason to secure my signature to apply for or to pursue any application for any domestic or foreign patents or copyright registrations covering Inventions assigned to the Company as above, then I hereby irrevocably designate and appoint the Company and its duly authorized officers and agents as my agent and attorney in fact, to act for and in my behalf and stead to execute and file any such applications and to do all other lawfully permitted acts to further the prosecution and issuance of letters patent or copyright registrations thereon with the same legal force and effect as if executed by me.

- 3. <u>Conflicting Employment</u>. I agree that, during the term of my employment with the Company, I will not engage in any other employment, occupation, consulting or other business activity directly related to the business in which the Company is now involved or becomes involved during the term of my employment, nor will I engage in any other activities that conflict with my obligations to the Company.
- 4. <u>Non-Competition</u>. I agree that for a period of twelve (12) months after the termination of my employment with the Company, I shall not, on my own behalf, or as owner, manager, stockholder, consultant, director, officer or employee of or in any other manner connected with any business entity, participate or be involved in any business of the type and character of business in which the Company engages or proposes to engage in without the prior written authorization of the Company.
- 5. **Solicitation of Employees.** I agree that for a period of twelve (12) months immediately following the termination of my relationship with the Company for any reason, whether with or without cause, I shall not either directly or indirectly solicit, induce, recruit or encourage any of the Company's employees, consultants, contractors or subcontractors to leave their employment, or take away such employees, consultants, contractors or subcontractors, or attempt to solicit, induce, recruit, encourage or take away employees, consultants, contractors or subcontractors of the Company, either for myself or for any other person or entity.
- 6. <u>Solicitation of Customers</u>. I agree that for a period of twelve (12) months immediately following the termination of my relationship with the Company for any reason, whether with or without cause, I shall not either directly or indirectly solicit business or relationship in competition with the Company from any of the Company's customers, suppliers or partners or any other entities with which the Company does business, or encourage any such customers, suppliers or partners or any other entities to terminate its relationship with the Company.
- 7. **Returning Company Documents.** I agree that, at the time of leaving the employment of the Company, I will deliver to the Company (and will not keep in my possession,

recreate or deliver to anyone else) any and all devices, records, data, notes, reports, proposals, lists, correspondence, specifications, drawings blueprints, sketches, materials, equipment, other documents or property, or reproductions of any aforementioned items developed by me pursuant to my employment with the Company or otherwise belonging to the Company, its successors or assigns, whether or not such items are considered Confidential Information. In the event of the termination of my employment, I agree to sign and deliver the "Termination Certification" attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit B">Exhibit B</a>. I acknowledge that in the event I failed to sign and deliver the Termination Certification upon the termination of my employment, the Company will consider the Termination Certification as signed and delivered to the Company.

- 8. **Notification of New Employer.** In the event that I leave the employment of the Company, I hereby grant consent to notification by the Company to my new employer about my rights and obligations under this Agreement.
  - 9. <u>Conflict of Interest Guidelines</u>. I agree to diligently adhere to the Conflict of Interest Guidelines attached as <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto.
  - 10. **Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.** I agree to diligently adhere to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act attached hereto as **Exhibit D** hereto.
- 11. **Representations.** I agree to execute any proper oath or verify any proper document required to carry out the terms of this Agreement. I represent that my performance of all the terms of this Agreement will not breach any agreement to keep in confidence proprietary information acquired by me in confidence or in trust prior to my employment by the Company. I have not entered into, and I agree I will not enter into, any oral or written agreement in conflict herewith.

#### 12. **General Provisions**.

- a. *Governing Law.* This validity, interpretation, construction and performance of this Agreement will be governed by the laws of the People's Republic of China.
- b. *Entire Agreement*. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement and understanding between the Company and me relating to the subject matter herein and merges all prior discussions between us. No modification of or amendment to this Agreement, nor any waiver of any rights under this agreement, will be effective unless in writing signed by the party to be charged. Any subsequent change or changes in my duties, salary or compensation will not affect the validity or scope of this Agreement.
- c. **Severability.** If one or more of the provisions in this Agreement are deemed void by law, then the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect.
- d. *Successors and Assigns*. This Agreement will be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives and will be for the benefit of the Company, its successors, and its assigns.
- e. *Waiver*. No failure or delay by the Company in exercising any right, power, privilege and remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof of the exercise of any other right, power, privilege or remedies.

f. <i>Other Rights.</i> All right, power, privilege and remedy granted to the Company under this Agreement does not exclude the Company from other right, power, privilege and remedy that are available to the Company under the governing law.				
Date:				
	Signature			
	Name of Employee (t	yped or printed)		
Witness				
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### EXHIBIT A

# List of Prior Inventions and Original Works of Authorship

Title	Date	Identifying Number or Brief Description
No inventions or improvements  Additional Sheets Attached		
Signature of Employee:		
Print Name of Employee:		
Date:		

#### **EXHIBIT B**

#### SIMCERE PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP

#### **Termination Certification**

This is to certify that I do not have in my possession, nor have I failed to return, any devices, records, data, notes, reports, proposals, lists, correspondence, specifications, drawings, blueprints, sketches, materials, equipment, other documents or property, or reproductions of any aforementioned items belonging to Simcere Pharmaceutical Group, its subsidiaries, successors or assigns (together, the "Company").

I further certify that I have complied with all the terms of the Company's Confidential Information and Invention Assignment Agreement signed by me, including the reporting of any inventions and original works of authorship, conceived or made by me (solely or jointly with others) covered by that agreement.

I further agree that, in compliance with the Confidential Information and Invention Assignment Agreement, I will preserve as confidential all trade secrets, confidential knowledge, data or other proprietary information relating to products, processes, know-how, designs, formulas, methods, devices, techniques, developmental or experimental work, instruments, materials, computer programs, data bases, other original works of authorship, all other current or pending intellectual properties, customer lists, business plans, financial information or other subject matter pertaining to any business of the Company or any of its employees, clients, consultants or licensees.

I further agree that for twelve (12) months from this date, I will not and will not attempt to hire any employees, consultants, contractors or subcontractors of the Company and I will not attempt to solicit, induce, recruit or encourage any of the Company's employees, consultants, contractors or subcontractors to leave their employment.

I further agree that for twelve (12) months from this date, I will not solicit business or relationship in competition with the Company or encourage the termination of relationship with the Company from any of the Company's customers, suppliers or partners or any other entities with which the Company does business.

Date:		
	(Employee's Signature)	
	(Type/Print Employee's Name)	

#### **EXHIBIT C**

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#### **Conflict of Interest Guidelines**

It is the policy of Simcere Pharmaceutical Group, its subsidiaries, successors or assigns (together the "Company") to conduct its affairs in strict compliance with the letter and spirit of the law and to adhere to the highest principles of business ethics. Accordingly, all officers, employees and independent contractors must avoid activities which are in conflict, or give the appearance of being in conflict, with these principles and with the interests of the Company. The following are potentially compromising situations which must be avoided. Any exceptions must be reported to the board of directors of the Company and written approval for continuation must be obtained.

- 1. Revealing confidential information to outsiders or misusing confidential information. Unauthorized divulging of information is a violation of this policy whether or not for personal gain and whether or not harm to the Company is intended. (The Confidential Information and Invention Assignment Agreement elaborates on this principle and is a binding agreement.)
- 2. Accepting or offering substantial gifts, excessive entertainment, favors or payments which may be deemed to constitute undue influence or otherwise be improper or embarrassing to the Company.
  - 3. Participating in civic or professional organizations that might involve divulging confidential information of the Company.
- 4. Initiating or approving personnel actions affecting reward or punishment of employees or applicants where there is a family relationship or is or appears to be a personal or social involvement.
  - 5. Initiating or approving any form of personal or social harassment of employees.
- 6. Investing or holding outside directorship in suppliers, customers, or competing companies, including financial speculations, where such investment or directorship might influence in any manner a decision or course of action of the Company.
  - 7. Borrowing from or lending to employees, customers or suppliers.
  - 8. Acquiring real estate of interest to the Company.
- 9. Improperly using or disclosing to the Company any proprietary information or trade secrets of any former or concurrent employer or other person or entity with whom obligations of confidentiality exist.
  - 10. Unlawfully discussing prices, costs, customers, sales or markets with competing companies or their employees.

- 11. Making any unlawful agreement with distributors with respect to prices.
- 12. Improperly using or authorizing the use of any inventions which are the subject of patent claims of any other person or entity.
- 13. Engaging in any conduct which is not in the best interest of the Company.

Each officer, employee and independent contractor must take every necessary action to ensure compliance with these guidelines and to bring problem areas to the attention of higher management for review. Violations of this conflict of interest policy may result in discharge without warning.

#### **EXHIBIT D**

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#### The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977

The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (the "Act") amended the federal securities laws to expand the authority of the federal government to deal with improper business practices and, perhaps more significantly, to create new powers to determine just what constitutes such improper practices.

#### The Act

The Act, to which Simcere Pharmaceutical Group, its subsidiaries, successors or assigns (together the "Company") will be subject to once it becomes a publicly owned corporation in the United States, was enacted to deter illegal corporate payments by: (1) prohibiting certain payments or promises to foreign officials (anti-bribery provisions), (2) requiring corporations to keep adequate records of the disposition of their assets, and (3) making corporations responsible for internal monitoring of their accounting practices. In summary, the provisions of the Act in each of these areas are as follows:

#### **Anti-Bribery Provisions**

This portion of the Act makes it a criminal offense for an employee (or an officer, director, agent or shareholder of the corporation) to make an offer, payment or gift of any money or other item of value, directly or indirectly, to (i) a foreign official, (ii) a foreign political party, (iii) a party official or (iv) a candidate for foreign political office for the "corrupt" purpose of obtaining or retaining business for the Company or for the purpose of directing business to any other person. The term "corrupt" is construed to prohibit any activity, including the provision of meals, lodging or entertainment, which is meant to influence the recipient and which is done for the stated illegal purposes. This highly publicized provision carries with it prosecution of officers, directors, employees or agents resulting in fines of up to US\$100,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

The Act does provide a narrow exception for payments to a foreign official, foreign political party, or party official intended to hasten or secure the performance of a "routine governmental action." Such "routine governmental actions" are those ordinarily performed by a foreign official in:

- (1) obtaining permits, licenses, or other official documents to qualify a person to do business in a foreign country;
- (2) processing governmental papers, such as visas and work orders;
- (3) providing police protection, mail pick-up and delivery, or scheduling inspections associated with contract performance or inspections related to transit of goods across country;

- (4) providing phone service, power and water supply, loading and unloading cargo, or protecting perishable products or commodities from deterioration; or
- (5) actions of a similar nature.

In addition, the Act provides two affirmative defenses to charges of violations. First, it is a defense to a charge if the payment or promise was lawful under the written laws and regulations of the country in which the recipient is located. Second, "reasonable and bona fide expenditures" made to foreign officials do not violate the Act. For example, the Company may reimburse foreign officials for the cost of travel and lodging in connection with (i) the promotion, demonstration, or explanation of products or services, or (ii) the execution or performance of a contract with a foreign government.

#### **The Exchange Act**

#### **Record-Keeping Provisions**

Pursuant to Section 13(b)(2)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), the Company is required to make and keep books, records and accounts which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company. The purpose of this requirement is to prevent the occurrence of the following types of abuses:

- (1) Records that accurately record the existence of a transaction but which fail to reveal the illegal or improper purpose of the transaction.
- (2) Records that fail to record improper transactions.
- (3) Records that are falsified to conceal improper transactions which are otherwise correctly recorded.

#### **Internal Accounting Control Provisions**

Pursuant to Exchange Act Section 13(b)(2)(B), the Company must devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that the following objectives are achieved:

- (1) Transactions are executed in accordance with management's general and specific authorization.
- (2) Transactions are recorded in a way which will permit the preparation of proper financial statements and will maintain accountability for assets.
- (3) Access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general and specific authorizations.

(4) Audits are conducted at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any deficiencies in accountability for assets.

#### **Simcere Pharmaceutical Group**

It is the policy of Simcere Pharmaceutical Group, its subsidiaries, successors or assigns (together the "Company") that:

- (1) The use of Company funds or assets for any unlawful or improper purpose is strictly prohibited. No payment shall be made to, or for the benefit of, government employees for the purpose of, or otherwise in connection with, the securing of sales to or obtaining favorable action by a government agency. Gifts of substantial value to or lavish entertainment of government employees are prohibited since they can be construed as attempts to influence government decisions in matters affecting the Company's operation. Any entertaining of public officials, or the furnishing of assistance in the form of transportation or other services should be of such nature that the official's integrity or reputation will not be compromised.
- (2) The offer, payment or promise to transfer in the future company funds or assets or the delivery of gifts or anything else of value to foreign officials, foreign political parties or officials or candidates of foreign political parties is strictly prohibited for the purpose of influencing any act or decision of any such person in his or her official capacity, including the decision to fail to perform his or her official functions or to use such persons or party's influence with a foreign government or instrumentality in order to affect or to influence any act or decision of such government or instrumentality in order to assist the Company in obtaining or retaining business for or with, or directing business to any person or entity.
- (3) All records must truly reflect the transactions they record. All assets and liabilities shall be recorded in the regular books of account. No undisclosed or unrecorded fund or asset shall be established for any purpose. No false or artificial entries shall be made in the books and records for any reason. No payment shall be approved or made with the intention or understanding that any part of such payment is to be used for any purpose other than that described by the document supporting the payment.
- (4) No political contribution shall be made, directly or indirectly, with corporate funds or assets regardless of whether the contributions are legal under the laws of the county in which they are made.
- (5) Any employee who learns of or suspects a violation of this policy should promptly report the matter to the President, Chief Financial Officer or Internal Auditor, as appropriate in the circumstances. All managers shall be responsible for the enforcement of and compliance with this policy, including the necessary distribution to insure employee knowledge and compliance.