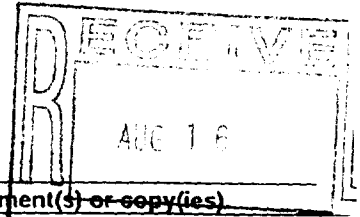


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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Charges to deposit account are authorized, as indicated herein.

Carl Van Demark

August 11, 1999

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Name **HILAL CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC, AS ADVISOR FOR LEO HOLDINGS, INC.**

07 15 1999

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July 15, 1999

Hilal Capital Management, LLC
60 East 42nd Street, Suite 1946
New York, New York 10165
Attention: Dr. Peter K. Hilal

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Term Loan Agreement dated as of April 30, 1998, as amended (the "Loan Agreement") among Visible Genetics Corp., Hilal Capital, LP, Hilal Capital QP, LP, Hilal Capital International, Ltd., Highbridge International LLC, Hilal Capital Management LLC, as advisor for Leo Holdings, Inc., and C.J. Partners L.P.

All capitalized terms used in this letter which are not defined in this letter and which are defined in the Loan Agreement shall have the same meaning in this letter as in the Loan Agreement.

Schedule A annexed hereto sets forth the outstanding principal amount and accrued but unpaid interest as of the date hereof owed by the Borrower to each Lender. Such schedule shall be amended to reflect additional accrued interest if the Transaction is not completed on July 15, 1999.

We have advised you that Visible Genetics Inc. (the "Company") and E.M. Warburg, Pincus & Co. LLC ("Warburg Pincus") entered into a letter of intent dated July 8, 1999 pursuant to which certain funds affiliated with Warburg, Pincus intend to invest \$30 million in the Company in exchange for the issuance by the Company to such funds of (the "Transaction") (i) 30,000 Series A Convertible Preferred Shares with a liquidation value of \$30 million which are convertible into common shares of the Company at a conversion price of \$11.00 per share (the "Preferred Shares") and (ii) warrants to purchase 1,100,000 common shares of the Company exercisable for four years at a price of \$12.60 per share (the "Warrants").

By signing this letter, each of us hereby agrees as follows:

1. Effective upon the closing of the Transaction the Loans shall be repaid as follows:

(a) the full principal amount and all interest owed to each of Highbridge International LLC ("Highbridge") and Leo Holdings, Inc. ("Leo") shall be repaid out of the proceeds of the Transaction and such Lenders shall deliver to the Company, in exchange therefore, the original copies of the notes evidencing such Loans, marked "Paid in Full."

(b) Each of the Loans outstanding to each Lender other than Highbridge and Leo shall automatically be converted into (i) that number of Preferred Shares allocated to such Lender as set forth on Schedule A; and (ii) that number of Warrants allocated to such Lender as set forth on Schedule A, and shall be deemed to be paid in full. The Company shall deliver to such Lenders certificates evidencing such preferred shares and warrants in exchange for the original copies of the promissory notes evidencing such Loans, marked "Paid in Full."

(c) Concurrent with, and as a condition to, the repayment of the Loans, the Lenders shall execute and deliver to the Borrower or Guarantor in form satisfactory for filing in the appropriate jurisdiction, such termination statements and other instruments as the Borrower and Guarantor shall request terminating any and all Liens in the assets of the Company, the Borrower and any of their respective subsidiaries in favor of Lenders, including but not limited to Liens in patents, trademarks and other intellectual property. To the extent that any such instrument is not executed or delivered at the time of repayment of Loans, the Lenders shall promptly thereafter execute and deliver such instrument to Borrower or Guarantor. Each Lender shall take any other action which Borrower or Guarantor may reasonably request so as to ensure that all Liens in favor of Lenders are released and any recording or other public evidence thereof is extinguished.

(d) Upon repayment of the Loans as set forth herein, the Loan Agreement and the Guaranty shall be terminated and shall be of no further force and effect.

2. (a) The Company shall file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or prior to October 30, 1999, covering the common shares issuable upon conversion of the Preferred Shares and exercise the Warrants and shall use its commercially reasonable best efforts to have such registration statement declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on or prior to December 31, 1999.

(b) The Company hereby agrees that the common shares issuable upon conversion of the Preferred Shares and exercise of the Warrants shall constitute Registrable Securities as such term is defined in the Registration Rights Agreement dated as of April 30, 1998, among the Company and the Lenders (the "Registration Rights Agreement").

(c) The Company and the Lenders hereby amend the Registration Rights Agreement by deleting Section 2.2(b) in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 2(b) annexed as Exhibit A hereto. The Registration Rights Agreement as amended hereby remains in full force and effect.

3. On the earlier of the date on which the Company or Warburg Pincus have elected not to complete the Transaction or, if the Transaction shall not be completed by September 30, 1999, this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect. If the Transaction is not completed and the Company enters into an alternative equity financing, the Lenders will have the right, at their election, to participate in that Transaction by converting their outstanding Loans on the same basis as the other participants in the Transaction.

4. (a) This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York without giving effect to the principle of conflicts of laws.

(b) This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the parties hereto with respect to this subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understanding among such parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

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(c) This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall be considered one and the same agreement.

Very truly yours,

VISIBLE GENETICS CORP.

By: HWJ

VISIBLE GENETICS INC.

By: HWJ

Agreed and Accepted:

HILAL CAPITAL, LP

By: _____

HILAL CAPITAL QP, LP

By: _____

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