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THIS ASSIGNMENT is made the 20th day of May 19 97

BETWEEN John A. Gent of 21 Wykwood, Liphook, Hampshire GU30 7AJ, England

(hereinafter called 'the Inventor') of the one part and
BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY whose registered office is situated at
P.O. Box 4000, Princeton, New Jersey 08543-4000, U.S.A.

(hereinafter called 'the Company') of the other part

W H E R E A S:

The Inventor

A. has made an invention relating to Absorbing Aqueous Matter

short particulars whereof are set forth in a draft specification which the inventor has read and approved and of which an abstract is appended hereto and

B. undertakes and declares

- (i) that the said draft specification describes the said invention to the best of his knowledge and that he believes that he is the true and first inventor thereof and
- (ii) that he is not aware of any lawful ground of objection to the grant of letters patent in respect of the said invention.

THIS ASSIGNMENT WITNESSETH as follows:

- 1. In consideration of the sum of Five Pounds (receipt whereof the Inventor hereby acknowledges) the Inventor hereby assigns to the Company the benefit of and all his rights and interests (if any) in the said invention including the right to apply for any Patent, Registered Design or other form of Industrial Property Protection in respect thereof in the United Kingdom and elsewhere throughout the world with or without claim to priority.
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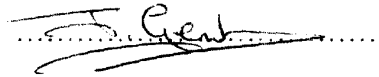
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AS WITNESS the hands of the Inventor and the authorised signatory of the Company the day and year first above written.

SIGNED by the said
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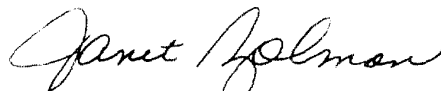


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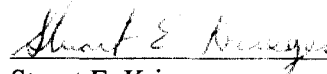
ABSTRACT
ABSORBING AQUEOUS MATTER

5 In a method of making high-absorbency articles for use in wound care,
incontinence, ostomy applications, and other more varied uses, a loose high-
absorbency powder is arranged between a pair of sheets. The sheets and
powder are compressed in certain areas. Loose powder is extracted e.g. by
vacuum or gravity, and by cutting and sealing, packet-like articles are
produced.

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I, Stuart E. Krieger, of BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY, do hereby swear by virtue of my signature below, that the attached is a true copy of the original document and that it is in the possession of BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY.


Stuart E. Krieger
Associate Counsel-Patents

Dated: June 15, 1998

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
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COUNTY OF SOMERSET)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of June 1998


Hilda Franco
Notary Public of New Jersey
My Commission Expires on January 20, 2000