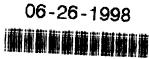
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have made new and useful improvements in **DEVICE FOR PURIFYING SOLUTIONS CONTAINING PROTEINS, METHOD OF PRODUCING A SUPPORT MATERIAL FOR THE DEVICE AND USE OF THE DEVICE**, for which an application for Letters Patent was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 12, 1998, Serial No. 09/022,709; and

WHEREAS FRESENIUS AG, having a place of business at Gluckensteinweg 5, 61350 Bad Homburg v.d.H, Federal Republic of Germany, and who, together with its successors and assigns, is hereinafter called "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits, and privileges hereinafter recited,

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to us, receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, we hereby, without reservations:

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