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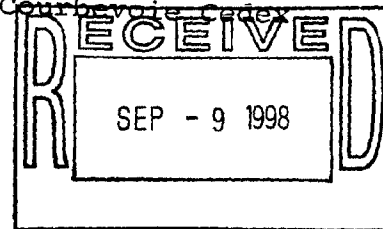
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- WHEREAS, We, (1) Guillaume DE NANTEUIL
 (2) Bernard PORTEVIN
 (3) Jacqueline BONNET
 (4) Armel FRADIN,

citizens of (1) FRANCE, (2) FRANCE,
 (3) FRANCE, and (4) FRANCE residing at

- (1) 12, rue du Chemin Vert 92150 SURESNES (France)
 (2) 6, rue Frédéric Passy 78990 ELANCOURT (France)
 (3) 19, rue Charcot 75013 PARIS (France)
 (4) 10, Villa Vergerat 92200 NEUILLY SUR SEINE (France),

respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in
New benzimidazole, benzoxazole and benzothiazole compounds.

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was signed
 by us on eventdate herewith; and

WHEREAS, ADIR ET COMPAGNIE
 having a place of business at 1, rue Carle Hébert
92415 COURBEVOIE Cedex (France)

is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in
 and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent which may be
 granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign
 countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00)
 to each of us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,
 and other valuable consideration, we, the said (1) Guillaume DE NANTEUIL

- (2) Bernard PORTEVIN (3) Jacqueline BONNET and
 (4) Armel FRADIN have sold, assigned, and
 transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer,
 unto said ASSIGNEE

its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right to the said
 invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in

all foreign countries and the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, and extensions thereof.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent Office Officials in the United States and in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said

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its successors and assigns.

FURTHER, We agree that we will communicate to said

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its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this

22 day of July, 19 98.

Signed in the presence of:
Vu pour la certification matérielle de la signature de Guillaume DE NANTEUIL apposée ci contre Witness FRAN

(1) Guillaume DE NANTEUIL

Signature: Guillaume DeNanteuil
Inventor

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