

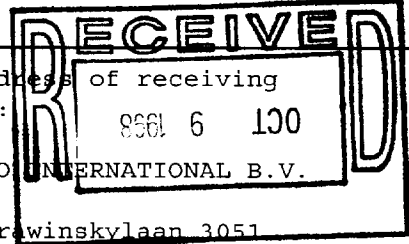
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**ASSIGNMENT**

Whereas, **ZAMBON GROUP S.p.A.**, (hereinafter "ASSIGNOR"), a Italian corporation having a principal place of business at Via Della Chimica 9, VICENZA, Italy, is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the application for Letters Patent Serial No. 08/836.984 filed on 29 May 1997, entitled "Process for preparing 5-amino-2,4,6-triiodoisophthalic acid dichloride by chlorination of the corresponding acid in the presence of a tertiary amine salt or quaternary ammonium salt" (hereinafter said application); and

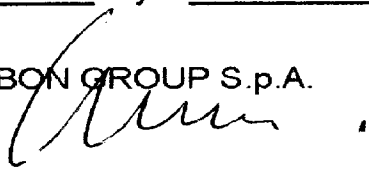
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Now, therefore, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1) paid by the ASSIGNEE to the ASSIGNOR and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the ASSIGNOR does hereby sell, assign, transfer unto the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and in and to any patent that may be granted thereon, the same to be held and enjoyed by the ASSIGNEE for its own use and enjoyment and for the use and enjoyment of its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which any such patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the ASSIGNOR had this sale, assignment, transfer not been made.

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In Testimony Whereof, ASSIGNOR has caused the signature of its authorized representative to be affixed hereto this 25th day of June, 1998

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