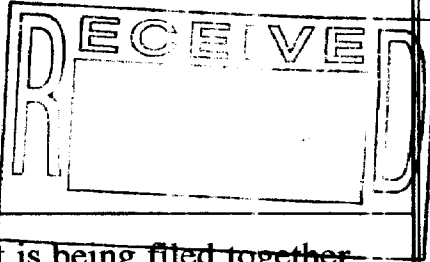




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For Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assigns to Alfacel s.a., c/o Caleruega, 81, 6^o A, 28033, Madrid, Spain (hereinafter "Assignee"), its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed by the undersigned on 12/15/98 12/9/98, 1998, and in said application and any and all other applications, both United States and foreign, which the undersigned may file either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries, which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the execution date and/or filing date and serial number of said application when officially known.

The undersigned warrants himself to be the owner of the interest herein assigned and to have the right to make this assignment and further warrants that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other rights in the interest herein assigned.

For said consideration the undersigned hereby agrees, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and any and all applications and other documents for Letters Patent in foreign countries on said invention or improvements, that said assignee, its successors or assigns, may deem necessary or expedient, and for said consideration the undersigned further agrees upon the request of said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, the undersigned hereby agreeing to perform, upon request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent, both United States and foreign, and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in said assignee, its successors and assigns, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment and sale had not been made.

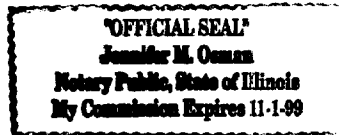
WITNESS my hand this 19th day of December, Nineteen Hundred and 1998.

State of ILLINOIS
County of DECATUR } ss.

Alan David Stall
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On this 19th day of DECEMBER, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Alan David Stall, to me personally known to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal the same day and year last above given.



My Commission Expires: 11-1-1999

Jennifer M. Oconnor
Notary Public

WITNESS my hand this 26 day of November, Nineteen Hundred and 1998.

State of _____
County of _____ } ss.

Jose Luis R. Valdes
Jose-Luis R. Valdes

On this _____ day of _____, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Jose-Luis R. Valdes, to me personally known to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

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Notary Public

FRANCISCO JOSE LOPEZ GOYANES, NOTARIO DE MADRID Y DE SU ILUSTRE COLEGIO, Doy Fé: Que considero legitima la firma y rúbrica que antecede de don José Luis Rodríguez-Valdés Taberna, con d.n.e. nº 15.123.279-C. En mi residencia a uno de diciembre de mil novecientos noventa y ocho.-

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