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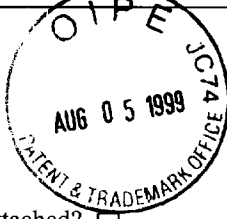
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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

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Friedrich M. CAVAGNA



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(1) 09/287,268

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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS FRIEDRICH M. CAVAGNA hereinafter ASSIGNOR) of Via Arrigo Boito, 13 Scanzorosciate (BG) Italy has invented a certain improvement in METHOD FOR DIAGNOSING NEUROLOGICAL, NEURODEGENERATIVE AND PSYCHIATRIC DISEASES BY MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING USING CONTRAST AGENTS WITH HIGH MAGNETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY AND EXTENDED PLASMA HALF LIFE for which a so-entitled application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 7, 1999 under Serial No. 09/287,268;

WHEREAS, Bracco S.p.A. (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), an Italian corporation having an office and place of business at Via Egidio Folli 50, 20134, Milan, Italy is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNOR by these presents hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and all foreign countries, as described in the aforesaid application, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE, for its

interest as ASSIGNEE, for the sole use and behoof of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

And, ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to transfer a like interest upon request of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, and without further remuneration, in and to any improvements, and applications for patents based thereon, growing out of or related to the said invention; and to execute any papers by ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, deemed essential to ASSIGNEE's full protection and title in and to the invention hereby transferred.

Agreeing, further upon request of ASSIGNEE, and without further remuneration, to execute any and all papers desired by ASSIGNEE, for the filing and granting of foreign applications and the perfecting of title thereto in ASSIGNEE.

AGREED and executed as noted below:

05.17.1888  
Date

Friedrich M. Cavaigna  
FRIEDRICH M. CAVAGNA

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Date: 05.17.1888

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