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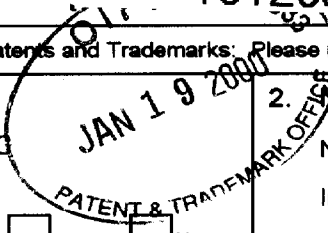
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WHEREAS the UNDERSIGNED, an authorized officer of Artesan Pharma, GmbH & Co. KG, having a place of business at Wendlandstrasse 1, D-29439 Lüchow, Germany (ASSIGNOR) is the assignee of all right, title and interest in

United States Patent 5,371, 107

(PATENT) and the INVENTION described therein by assignment from the inventors recorded in the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 6835, Frame 0527 on December 22, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Taurus-Pharma/^{GmbH} a business entity of Germany, having a place of business at Berner Strasse 40, D-60437, Frankfurt/Main, Germany (ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the INVENTION, in this and any foreign country, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States or any foreign country which may be granted embracing the INVENTION.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the ASSIGNOR, by these presents, sells, assigns, and transfers unto ASSIGNEE, its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to the INVENTION, and in and to the said PATENT, and in and to any applications for Letters Patent which may have been or may be filed in any foreign country on said INVENTION, and in and to any and all priority rights generated by the filing of an APPLICATION for said INVENTION in the United States or any foreign country, which may be granted covering the INVENTION, including any continuations, continuations-in-part, substitutions, divisions, reissues or renewals thereof, said Letters Patent whether of this country or any foreign country to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE for its interest, for its own use and behoof, and for its legal representatives, 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 by ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made.

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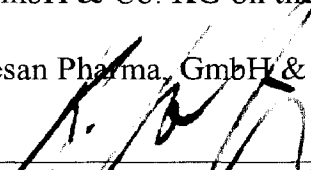
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF this assignment has been executed by UNDERSIGNED authorized officer of Artesan Pharma, GmbH & Co. KG on the date opposite their name.

Artesan Pharma, GmbH & Co. KG

DATE: 10.12.99


Name: (Knut A. Hotzel)
Title: Geschäftsführer

DATE: 10.12.99


Witness (Sonja Pimanow)
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