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(METHYLSULFONYL) PHENYL-2-(5h)-FURANONES WITH OXYGEN LINK AS COX-2 INHIBITORS

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We hereby authorize our attorney/agent, RICHARD C. BILLUPS or an attorney with Power of Attorney in this application, of the said Merck Frosst Canada, Inc., to insert the Serial No., and Filing Date of said application when known.

Signed at Kirkland, Quebec this 20th day of July, 1998
YVES LEBLANC Date 20/07/1998
SERGE LEGER Date July 20, 1998
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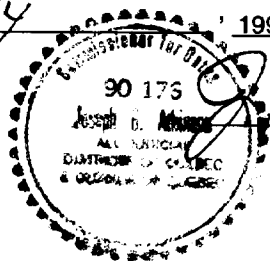
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