



ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Helmar Herbig, whose address is Untere Maschstrasse 25, D-37073 Gottingen, Germany; Helmut Jaschhof, whose address is Gerhardt-Katsch-Strasse 14, D-17489 Greifswald, Germany; and Khuong To Vinh, whose address is Prof.-Martinistrasse 16, D31167 Bockenem, Germany 9, are the inventors of an invention entitled GELATIN MEMBRANE FILTERS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, corresponding to PCT/EP 98/07118, for which on even date herewith we executed an application for a United States letters patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of valuable consideration paid to us by SARTORIUS AG, a German company, whose primary address is Weender Landstrasse 94-108, D-37070 Gottingen, GERMANY, the receipt whereof is acknowledged, we do hereby assign unto the same the entire interest in said invention for the United States and all foreign countries and any letters patent to be issued therefor in the United States or any foreign country and any divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, improvements, reissues or extensions that may be made or granted thereon.

AND the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is requested to issue such letters patent in accordance herewith. And we agree to execute further instruments proper for effectuating the premises.

Executed on 3.5., 2000.

Helmar Herbig  
Helmar Herbig

Executed on 28. April, 2000.

Helmut Jaschhof  
Helmut Jaschhof

Executed on 03 Mai, 2000.

Khuong To Vinh  
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