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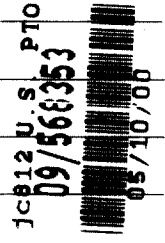
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F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG (Assignor), a Swiss Company
of 124 Grenzacherstrasse, CH-4070 Basle (Switzerland)

hereby assign to

ROCHE VITAMINS INC. (Assignee)

a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at 43 Waterview Blvd., Parsipanny, New Jersey, U.S.A.,

all of our right, title and interest within the United States of America and its territorial possessions in and to the invention described and claimed in a patent application entitled

**CONTINUOUS PROCESS FOR THE ENANTIOSELECTIVE HYDROGENATION
OF ALPHA KETOCARBONYL COMPOUNDS**

which is about to be filed in the U.S. Patent Office in the name(s) of the inventor(s)

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and in respect of which a declaration and Power of Attorney was executed on:

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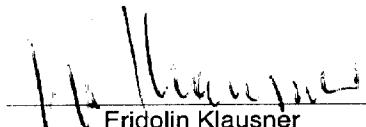
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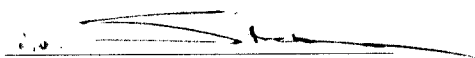
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Basle, Switzerland, this 2nd day of May 2000.

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