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Name: **Hill-Rom Industries S.A.**

Internal Address:

Street Address: **170 rue du Caducee**  
**34100 Montpellier, France**

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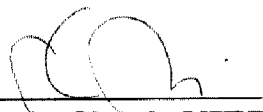
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INMATRICULATION PRINCIPALE AU R.C.S EN DATE DU 04/02/1976

## No DE REGISTRE DU COMMERCE

R.C.S : MONTPELLIER 305 061 533. No de GESTION : 76 B 26.

## RAISON SOCIALE OU DENOMINATION

HILL - ROM INDUSTRIES SA

## SIGLE

SSI INDUSTRIES

## NOM COMMERCIAL

NEANT

## FORME ET CAPITAL

SOCIETE ANONYME

AU CAPITAL DE 5 460 000 F (FIXE)

## ADRESSE DU SIEGE SOCIAL

170 RUE DU CADUCEE - 34100 MONTPELLIER

## ADMINISTRATION DE LA SOCIETE

----- PRESIDENT DU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION

NOM PATRONYMIQUE : MR SWENSON

PRENOM(S) : JOE NEIL

44 RUE MAURICE BERTEAUX - 78290 CROISSY SUR SEINE

NE(E) LE 14/02/1956 A UTAH (USA)

NATIONALITE AMERICAINE

----- DIRECTEUR GENERAL

NOM PATRONYMIQUE : M. VIARD

PRENOM(S) : JEAN-LOUIS BERNARD MICHEL

C/O SSI INDUSTRIES - 189, RUE DU CADUCEE - 34000 MONTPELLIER

NE(E) LE 12/09/1943 A DAKAR

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PAYS DE NAISSANCE : SENEGAL

----- ADMINISTRATEUR

HILL ROM SARL

PARC D'ACTIVITES DU MOULIN DE MASSY, ZAC DU BEL AIR

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91300 MASSY

STE A RESPONSABILITE LIMITEE

R.C.S : EVRY 382 785 475 (95 B 684)

DONT LE REPRESENTANT PERMANENT EST :

NOM PATRONYMIQUE : MR VERDIER

PRENOM(S) : FRANCIS JEAN PHILIPPE

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NE(E) LE 10/03/1952 A TOULON (VAR)

NATIONALITE FRANCAISE

----- ADMINISTRATEUR

HILL-ROM COMPANY INC

1069 STATE ROUTE, 46 E - BATESVILLE, INDIANA 47006 (USA)

DONT LE REPRESENTANT PERMANENT EST :

NON-PATRONYMIQUE : MR JANZARUK  
PRENOM(S) : WILLIAM JOSEPH  
96 CALLERY PEAR DR - BATESVILLE, INDIANA 47006 (USA)  
NE(E) LE 20/02/1948 A LAPORTE (INDIANA) USA  
NATIONALITE AMERICAINE

----- COMMISSAIRE AUX COMPTES TITULAIRE  
DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU  
185, AVENUE CHARLES DE GAULLE - B.P. 136 - 92203 NEUILLY SUR SEINE CEDEX

----- COMMISSAIRE AUX COMPTES SUPPLEANT  
DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU - AUDIT  
185, AVENUE CHARLES DE GAULLE - B.P. 136 - 92203 NEUILLY SUR SEINE CEDEX

ORIGINE DU FONDS  
CREATION

ACTIVITE EXERCEE  
FABRICATION, VENTE, LOCATION, SERVICE APRES-VENTE DE MATERIELS ET PRO-  
DUITS MEDICO-CHIRURGICAUX

ENSEIGNE NEANT

ADRESSE DU PRINCIPAL ETABLISSEMENT  
170 RUE DU CADUCEE - 34000 MONTPELLIER

DATE DU COMMENCEMENT DE L'EXPLOITATION 04/02/1976

PREMIER AVIS PUBLIE AU B.O.D.A.C.C NEANT

) PROPRIETAIRE - EXPLOITANT PRECEDENT NEANT

TITRE ET DATE DU JOURNAL D'ANNONCES LEGALES NEANT

ELECTION DE DOMICILE POUR LES OPPOSITIONS NEANT

OBJET SOCIAL  
L'OBJET SOCIAL N'A PLUS A ETRE DECLARE DANS LA DEMANDE D'INMATRICULATION  
ET EST REMPLACE PAR LES ACTIVITES PRINCIPALES DE L'ENTREPRISE.  
DECRET No 87-970 DU 03/12/1987.

DUREE DE LA SOCIETE  
99 ANS, DU 04/02/1976 AU 03/02/2075

DATE DE CLOTURE DE L'EXERCICE SOCIAL 30/10

DATE ET No DE DEPOT DE L'ACTE AU GREFFE  
LE 23/01/1976, No 1620  
TITRE ET DATE DU JOURNAL D'ANNONCES LEGALES  
HERAULT JUDICIAIRE & COMMERCIAL, LE 08/01/1976

## MODE D'EXPLOITATION DU FONDS

EXPLOITATION DIRECTE

## ANNEXES

- MODIFICATIVE DU 18/03/1991 No 0-2069  
CHANGEMENT DE GERANT  
ANCIEN GERANT : MR CLANCY MICHAEL J  
NOUVEAU GERANT : MR PERETZ LUCIEN  
A COMPTER DU 06/12/90
- MODIFICATIVE DU 02/07/1991 No 2-4961  
MODIFICATION DE LA DATE DE CLOTURE DE L'EXERCICE SOCIAL : LE 31/10  
AU LIEU DU 30/06  
A COMPTER DU 06.06.1991
- MODIFICATIVE DU 26/08/1992 No 0-8000  
APPORT PARTIEL D'ACTIF CONSISTANT A LA BRANCHE D'ACTIVITE DE VENTE ET  
LOCATION POUR LA FRANCE ET L'EXPORTATION D'APPAREILS MEDICAUX, PARA-  
MEDICAUX ET PRODUITS CONNEXES OU COMPLEMENTAIRES AU PROFIT DE L'EURL  
SUPPORT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL.  
ANCIENNE DENOMINATION : SUPPORT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL  
NOUVELLE DENOMINATION : SUPPORT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES -  
SIGLE : S.S.I. INDUSTRIES  
ANCIEN GERANT : MR PERETZ LUCIEN  
NOUVEAU GERANT : MR VIARD JEAN-LOUIS BERNARD MICHEL  
A COMPTER DU 22/06/92
- MODIFICATIVE DU 08/04/1998 No 0-3725  
TRANSFORMATION DE LA SOCIETE  
TRANSFORMATION DE LA SOCIETE DE SOCIETE A RESPONSABILITE LIMITEE EN  
SOCIETE ANONYME  
PRESIDENT DU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION : MR SWENSON JOE  
ADMINISTRATEURS : SARL HILL ROM REPRESENTEE PAR MR VERDIER FRANCIS JEAN  
PHILIPPE - STE DE DROIT AMERICAIN HILL-ROM COMPANY INC REPRESENTEE PAR  
MR JANZARUK WILLIAM JOSEPH  
A COMPTER DU 23/10/96
- MODIFICATIVE DU 24/11/1998 No 0-11880  
FUSION ABSORPTION DE LA SARL SST MEDICAL, RCS MONTPELLIER B 340 886 894  
87 B 169 - RADICE LE 24 FEVRIER 1998 AU PROFIT DE LA SA SUPPORT SYSTEMS  
INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES  
A COMPTER DU 31/10/97
- MODIFICATIVE DU 09/02/1999 No 2-1441  
NOMINATION DE M. VIARD JEAN-LOUIS EN QUALITE DE DIRECTEUR GENERAL  
NOMINATION DE LA S.A. DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU EN QUALITE DE COMMISSAIRE  
AUX COMPTES TITULAIRE EN REMPLACEMENT DU CABINET AMYOT AUDITEURS ET CONSEIL  
NOMINATION DE LA S.A. DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU - AUDIT EN QUALITE DE  
COMMISSAIRE AUX COMPTES SUPPLEANT EN REMPLACEMENT DE M. ARTHUR KOTCHIAN  
A COMPTER DU 30/04/98
- MODIFICATIVE DU 05/08/1999 No 0-7465  
CHANGEMENT DE DENOMINATION  
ANCIENNE : SUPPORT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES  
NOUVELLE : HILL-ROM INDUSTRIES SA  
DATE D'EFFET : 30/04/1999

OBSERVATIONS	NEANT
AUTRES ETABLISSEMENTS DANS LE RESSORT	NEANT
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AND COMPANIES REGISTER**

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**MAIN REGISTRATION ON THE TRADE AND COMPANIES REGISTER DATED 02/04/1976**

**NUMBER OF TRADE REGISTER**

T.C.R.: MONTPELLIER 305 061 533. MANAGEMENT NO.: 76 B 26.

**CORPORATE NAME OR DENOMINATION**

HILL - ROM INDUSTRIES SA

**SIGN**

SSI INDUSTRIES

**COMMERCIAL NAME**

NONE

**LEGAL FORM AND CAPITAL**

SOCIETE ANONYME

WITH A CAPITAL OF 5,460,000 FRENCH FRANCS (FIXED)

**ADDRESS OF THE HEAD OFFICE**

170 RUE DU CADUCEE - 34100 MONTPELLIER

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPANY**

---- CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PATRONYMIC NAME: MR. SWENSON

FIRST NAME(S): JOE NEIL

44 RUE MAURICE BERTEAUX - 78290 CROISSY SUR SEINE

BORN ON 02/14/1956 IN UTAH (USA)

AMERICAN NATIONALITY

---- MANAGING DIRECTOR

PATRONYMIC NAME: MR. VIARD

FIRST NAME(S): JEAN-LOUIS BERNARD MICHEL

C/O SSI INDUSTRIES - 188, RUE DU CADUCEE - 34000 MONTPELLIER

BORN ON 09/12/1943 IN DAKAR

FRENCH NATIONALITY

COUNTRY OF BIRTH: SENEGAL

---- DIRECTOR

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WHOSE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IS:

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FIRST NAME(S): WILIAM JOSEPH  
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BORN ON 02/20/1948 IN LAPORTE (INDIANA) USA  
AMERICAN NATIONALITY

---- TITULAR AUDITOR  
DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU  
185, AVENUE CHARLES DE GAULLE - B.P. 136 - 92203 NEUILLY SUR SEINE CEDEX

---- DEPUTY TITULAR AUDITOR - AUDIT  
DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU  
185, AVENUE CHARLES DE GAULLE - B.P. 136 - 92203 NEUILLY SUR SEINE CEDEX

**ORIGIN OF THE GOODWILL**  
CREATION

**BUSINESS ACTIVITY**  
MANUFACTURE, SALE, RENTAL, AFTER-SALES SERVICE OF MEDICO-SURGICAL  
MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS

**SIGN** NONE

**ADDRESS OF THE MAIN ESTABLISHMENT**  
170 RUE DU CADUCEE - 34000 MONTPELLIER

**DATE OF START OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY** 02/04/1976

**FIRST NOTIFICATION PUBLISHED IN THE B.O.D.A.C.C.** NONE

**OWNER - PREVIOUS OWNER** NONE

**TITLE AND DATE OF THE JOURNAL OF LEGAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** NONE

**ELECTION OF DOMICILE FOR OPPOSITIONS** NONE

**AIM OF THE COMPANY**  
IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO DECLARE THE AIM OF THE COMPANY IN THE REQUEST FOR  
RECORDAL AND IS REPLACED BY THE COMPANY'S MAIN ACTIVITIES.  
DECREE NO. 87-970 DATED 12/03/1987.

**TERM OF THE COMPANY**  
99 YEARS, FROM 02/04/1976 TO 02/03/2075

**DATE OF CLOSURE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR** 10/30

**FILING DATE AND NO. OF THE DEED AT THE REGISTRY**  
01/23/1976. NO. 1620

**TITLE AND DATE OF THE JOURNAL OF LEGAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
HERAULT JUDICIAIRE & COMMERCIAL, ON 01/08/1976



**METHOD OF EXPLOITATION OF THE GOODWILL**  
DIRECT TRADING

**APPENDICES**

- MODIFYING DATED 03/18/1991 NO. 0-2069  
CHANGE OF MANAGER  
FORMER MANAGER: MR. CLANCY MICHAEL J  
NEW MANAGER: MR. PERETZ LUCIEN  
AS FROM 12/06/90
- MODIFYING DATED 07/02/1991 NO. 2-4961  
MODIFICATION OF THE DATE OF CLOSURE OF THE BUSINESS YEAR: 10/31  
RATHER THAN 06/30  
AS FROM 06/06/1991
- MODIFYING DATED 08/26/1992 NO. 0-8000  
PARTIAL TRANSFER OF ASSETS CONSISTING OF THE BRANCH OF ACTIVITY OF SALE AND RENTAL  
FOR FRANCE AND THE EXPORT OF MEDICAL AND PARA-MEDICAL APPARATUS AND SIMILAR OR  
COMPLEMENTARY PRODUCTS IN FAVOUR OF THE EURL SUPPORT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL.  
FORMER DENOMINATION: SUPPORT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL  
NEW DENOMINATION: SUPPORT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES -  
SIGN: S.S.I. INDUSTRIES  
FORMER MANAGER: MR. PERETZ LUCIEN  
NEW MANAGER: MR. VIARD JEAN-LOUIS BERNARD MICHEL  
AS FROM 06/22/92
- MODIFYING DATED 04/08/1998 NO. 0-3725  
TRANSFORMATION OF THE COMPANY  
TRANSFORMATION OF THE COMPANY FROM A SOCIETE A RESPONSABILITE LIMITEE TO  
A SOCIETE ANONYME  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: MR. SWENSON JOE  
DIRECTORS: SARL HILL ROM REPRESENTED BY MR. VERDIER FRANCIS JEAN PHILIPPE - COMPANY  
UNDER AMERICAN LAW HILL-ROM COMPANY INC REPRESENTED BY MR. JANZARUK WILLIAM JOSEPH  
AS FROM 10/23/96
- MODIFYING DATED 11/24/1998 NO. 0-11880  
ABSORPTION-MERGER OF THE SARL SSI MEDICAL, TCR MONTPELLIER B 340 886 894 87 B 169 -  
CANCELLED ON FEBRUARY 24 1998 IN FAVOUR OF THE SA SUPPORT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL  
INDUSTRIES  
AS FROM 10/31/97
- MODIFYING DATED 02/09/1999 NO. 2-1441  
APPOINTMENT OF MR. VIARD JEAN-LOUIS IN HIS CAPACITY AS MANAGING DIRECTOR  
APPOINTMENT OF THE S.A. DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU IN ITS CAPACITY AS TITULAR AUDITOR IN  
REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRM AMYOT AUDITORS AND CONSULTANTS  
APPOINTMENT OF THE S.A. DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU - AUDIT IN ITS CAPACITY AS DEPUTY  
TITULAR AUDITOR IN REPLACEMENT OF MR. ARTHUR KOTCHIAN  
AS FROM 04/30/98
- MODIFYING DATED 08/05/1999 NO. 0-7465  
CHANGE OF DENOMINATION  
FORMER: SUPPORT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES  
NEW: HILL-ROM INDUSTRIES SA  
DATE OF EFFECT: 04/30/1999