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Country	Application/Serial Number
Canada	2,145,858
European Patent Office	94922633.6
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Signed at Omaha, Nebraska, this 30th day of July, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED NUTRITION, L.C.

By K.S. Grubbe
K.S. Grubbe, Treasurer

Signed at Trondheim, Norway, this 1st day of September, 1999.

BIOTEC ASA

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