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Patent Application No. 09/701,447
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, **Bernd Knierbein**, a citizen of Germany, residing at Graf-von-Moltke-Weg, D-6127 Neu-Anspach, Germany, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **STERILE CONNECTOR FOR CONTAINERS WHICH CONTAIN MEDICINAL LIQUIDS**, for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, and I hereby authorize and request my attorney, Jeff Rothenberg of Heslin & Rothenberg, P.C., 5 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203, US to insert here (Application No. 09/701,447) the application number of said U.S. application when known, which application corresponds to the U.S. national phase entry of International Application PCT/EP99/04776 filed July 7, 1999; and

WHEREAS, **FRESENIUS AG**, having offices at Else-Kroner-Strasse 1, D-61352 Bad Homburg v.d.H., Germany, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I the said **Bernd Knierbein** have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said **FRESENIUS AG**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said **FRESENIUS AG**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

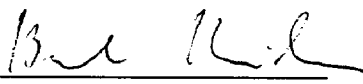
AND I HEREBY covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said **FRESENIUS AG**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do

everything possible to aid the said **FRESENIUS AG**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

16 __ day of ~~November~~, 2000.
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Bernd Knierbein



Witness **CHRISTA BAUM**

Dated: November 16, 2000



Witness

Dated: November 16, 2000

