

PATENTS ONLY

101700001

4-23-01

To the Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Thierry BOUYSSOU, Serge BIOSA, Pierre-Andre SETTEMBRE and Christian JEANPETIT

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? [] Yes [X] No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- [X] Assignment [] Merger [] Security Agreement [] Change of Name [] Other

Execution Dates: September 13, 2000

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: CHIESI S.A.

Street Address: 11, Avenue Dubonnet, F-92400 Courbevoie, France

4. Application number(s) or patent (numbers):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

A. Patent Application No(s).

(09/646,059)

B. Patent No(s).

Additional numbers attached? [] Yes [X] No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

YOUNG & THOMPSON Second Floor 745 South 23rd Street Arlington, VA 22202

6. Total number of applications and patents involved:

1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 40

- [] Enclosed [X] Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit Account No. 25-0120

(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)

(05/02/2001 DBYRNE 00000213 250120 09646059 01 FC:581 40.00 CH)

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Mary Shelton Name of Person Signing

Mary Shelton Signature

April 23, 2001 Date

Total number of pages including cover sheet: [3]

A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, we, Thierry BOUYSSOU, Serge BIOSA, Pierre-Andre SETTEMBRE and Christian JEANPETIT, hereafter referred to as "applicants", have invented certain new and useful improvements in **KETO ACID SALTS AND AMINE DERIVATIVES, AND THEIR USE FOR PREPARING MEDICINES,**

(a) for which an application for a United States patent was filed on _____, Application No. _____,


(b) for which an application for a United States patent was executed on September 13, 2000, and

WHEREAS, **CHIESI S.A.**, of 11, Avenue Dubonnet, F-92400 Courbevoie, France, hereinafter referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, applicants, by these presents, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said assignee the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents which may be granted therefor in the United States, for its sole use and behoof, and for the use and behoof of its legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by applicants had this assignment and sale not been made.

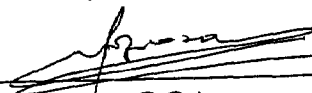
Applicants hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said United States patents to said assignee.

Date: 13.09.00



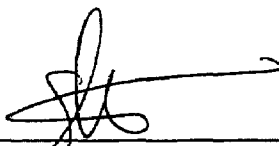
Thierry BOUYSSOU

Date: 13.09.00



Serge BIOSA

Date: 13/09/00



Pierre-Andre SETTEMBRE

Date: 13/9/00



Christian JEANPETIT