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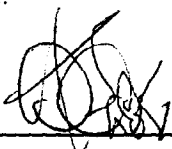
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Schedule I

SELLER : SONOXIDE sprl

COUNTRY : BELGIUM Patent No : BE 9600613 dated 04 July 1996

TITLE : Dispositif et procédé de traitement d'un milieu liquide

PCT BE97/00078 dated 04 July 1996 filed for EUROPE (AT BE CH-LI DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE IT LU MC NL PT SE), CANADA, JAPAN, U.S.A.

TITLE : Method and device for treating a liquid medium

COUNTRY : EUROPE Patent Application 97929045,9 dated 04 July 1997

TITLE : Dispositif et procédé de traitement d'un milieu liquide

COUNTRY: U.S.A. Patent Application No 09/214,398 dated 04 July 1997 and 27 Aug 1997

TITLE : Device and process for treating a liquid medium

COUNTRY : CANADA Examen 2,259,509 filed 04 July 1997 / NAT 30-12-98

TITLE : Method and device for treating a liquid medium

COUNTRY : JAPAN Patent application No 09-509585

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