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# ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

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WHEREAS,

(1) Giacomo ASTE

residing respectively at

(1) Via Scarsellini 97, I-16049 GENOVA, Italy

(hereinafter referred to as the "ASSIGNOR") has/have invented certain new and useful improvements in "Chromatographic apparatus"

for which an application for a United States Patent

was executed on even date herewith

was executed on **17 February 2003**

was filed on , as Serial No.:

And WHEREAS, ALFATECH S.p.A.

whose Post Office Address is Via Scarsellini 97, I-16049 GENOVA, Italy

(hereinafter referred to as the "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the invention(s) and improvement(s) therein disclosed, for the United States of America, and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States and all divisions, continuations, re-issues, renewals and/or extensions thereof,

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the sum of ten U.S. dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the ASSIGNOR does hereby assign, sell, transfer and set over unto the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the invention(s) and improvement(s) therein disclosed, for the United States of America, and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States and all divisions, continuations, re-issues, renewals and/or extensions thereof, said ASSIGNEE to have and to hold the interests herein assigned to the full ends of the terms of said Letters Patent and any and all divisions, continuations, re-issues, renewals and/or extensions thereof, respectively, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the ASSIGNOR had this assignment not been made.

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for said ASSIGNEE, to assist or enable said ASSIGNEE to obtain and enforce full benefits from the rights and interests herein assigned.

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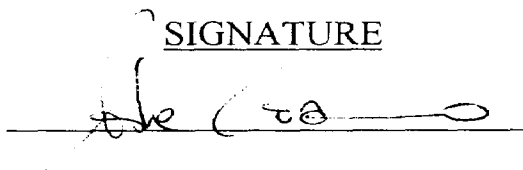
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1) Giacomo ASTE

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17 February 2003