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WAGNON Jean residing at 90 rue des Galaxies, Le Hameau de la Rauze, FR-34070 MONTPELLIER,

have sold, assigned and transferred and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer to sanofi-aventis, a société anonyme of France, having a place of business at 174 Avenue de France, 75013 PARIS, FRANCE and to its successors, assigns and legal representatives the entire right, title and interest in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries in and to all of our inventions and any and all improvements thereof disclosed in an application for United States Letters Patent entitled PIPERAZINYLACYLPYPERIDINE DERIVATIVES, THEIR PREPARATION AND THERAPEUTIC USE THEREOF which

- is being executed on even date herewith.
- was filed on 5 June 2003 in the form of an International Application which designated the United States of America under number PCT/FR03/01685 and which entered the National Stage in the United States of America under Serial Number _____ on _____.
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Date: 03/11/04


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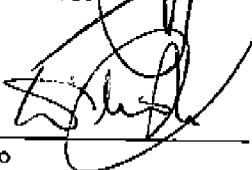
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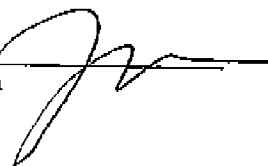
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