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WHEREAS, I, among the following inventors, Rajendra Narayanrao KANKAN and Dharmaraj Ramachandra RAO, am an inventor of **ZALEPLON SYNTHESIS** (the "Invention"), and of an application for United States Patent disclosing said invention, Serial No. 10/570,453, filed March 2, 2006, also known as attorney docket number PAC/eehc/23172 US (4137-00500); and

WHEREAS, CIPLA LIMITED ("CIPLA"), a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of India, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid Invention throughout the world, and all right, title and interest in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to CIPLA, all right, title and interest in and to the said Invention throughout the world, and said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all other applications for said Invention, including divisional, continuation, provisional, non-provisional, regular, and reissue applications, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by CIPLA for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries are or may be granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed if this assignment and sale had not been made.

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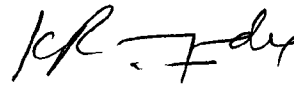
And I further hereby covenant and agree that I will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title of said Invention and to such Letters Patent as may be granted therefor, to CIPLA, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives and that if CIPLA, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives shall desire to file any divisional or continuation applications or to secure a reissue of such Letters Patent, or to file a disclaimer relating thereto, I will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the filing of such divisional or continuation application, or such application for reissue and the procuring thereof, and for the filing of such disclaimer, without further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

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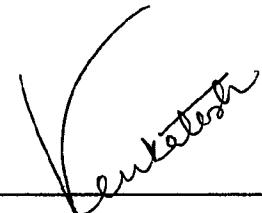
  
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