

APPENDIX B

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FOR: SUBSTITUTED 3,5-DIPHENYL-1,2,4-TRIAZOLES AND THEIR USE
AS PHARMACEUTICAL METAL CHELATORS

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Novartis AG, a company organized and existing under the laws of the Swiss Confederation, having a place of business at Lichtstrasse 35, Basle, Switzerland 4056, being the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 6,465,504 which was granted on October 15, 2002 to René Lattmann and Pierre Acklin and entitled "substituted 3,5-Diphenyl-1,2,4-Triazoles and Their Use as Pharmaceutical Metal Chelators" hereby appoints the undersigned, Oona A. Jackson, as its agent to act in its interest in this matter, and also appoints the attorneys and agents associated with Customer No. 001095, respectively and individually, each of them with full power of substitution and revocation, with regard to an application for extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,465,504 and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

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