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Dear American Marketer of Natural Products,

As many of you know, I am the author of the Oct.6, 1987 U.S. Patent No, 4,698,360 that describes the plant extract "with a proanthocyanidins content as therapeutic agent having radical scavenger effect and use thereof. This Free Radical Scavenging Patent, was the result of my life long intensive research into the nature of proanthocyanidins or OPC.

I firmly believe that free radicals will be the major health issue in the years to come, and that scavengers of free radicals will play a decisive role in many important aspects of health. Need I still emphasize that OPC is the strongest plant-derived antioxidant ?

Via my Société Civile d'Investigations Pharmacologiques d'Aquitaine (SCIPA), I have always maintained clear title and interest in the 1987 U.S. Patent with full authority to license others to practice the invention. I have retained my interest NOT to do business "at gunpoint" as others have done, but simply to make my knowledge freely available together with my rigidly quality controlled OPC extracts, be they from Pine Bark or from Grape Seeds. These extracts are manufactured by the French company SARPAP and are obtainable in the U.S.A. and Canada from Mark Timon and Gary SenecaI at TAAG in Great Valley, NY

Now that I have reached as the French say, the "age of the strong", and because I wished to be no longer involved with the many interesting but demanding aspects of the pure business side of OPC, I decided last year to transfer my interest in the patent to my Dutch friend Bert Schwitters, whom I assisted with his book "OPC in Practice". ()*

Since then, and with full authority, via, Bert's International Nutrition Company, the use of the patent is extended to all TAAG's customers.

I wish to spend many more good years in my beautiful Aquitaine, the southwestern part of France, where pine trees and vines grow so rich abundantly. Every day they remind me of my discovery of nature's prime antioxidant: OPC.

I wish you and your industry well.

Respectfully yours,

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() please find a copy of "OPC in Practice" herewith.*