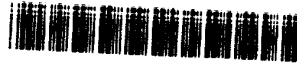


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, STEVEN E. HOBBS of 5467 Sonoma Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566, ROSS FLEWELLING of 15 Orinda Vista Drive, Oakland, CA 94605, have jointly invented certain new and useful improvements in

METHOD OF ENHANCING PERFORMANCE IN PULSE OXIMETRY VIA ELECTRICAL STIMULATION

for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, NELLCOR PURITAN BENNETT, a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of California, and having its principal place of business at 4280 Hacienda Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is desirous of acquiring an interest in, to and under said invention, said application and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention in the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledge, WE, STEVEN E. HOBBS and ROSS FLEWELLING, as co-inventors, have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said NELLCOR PURITAN BENNETT, the full and exclusive right, title and interest, throughout the world, in, to and under the following:

(a) said invention as fully set forth and described in the specification prepared, and executed by each of such as co-inventors on even date herewith preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor;

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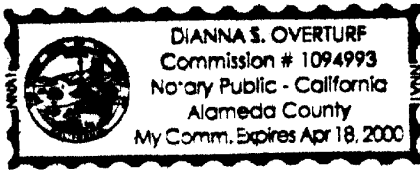
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