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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

- (1) David Stuart POTTER
- (2) Dereck Ronald WHEELDON
- (3) Terence Michael McCARTHY
- (4) Charles David Ogilvy POTTER

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Thoratec Laboratories Corporation
Street Address: 2023 Eighth Street
City, State, ZIP: Berkeley, California 94710

State of Incorporation: California

3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment

Execution Date: (1) 12-3-96; (2) 10-7-96; (3) 11-18-96; (4) 11-27-96

4. Application No. 08/702,593 filed December 23, 1996, which is the U.S. national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/GB95/00482 filed March 6, 1995.

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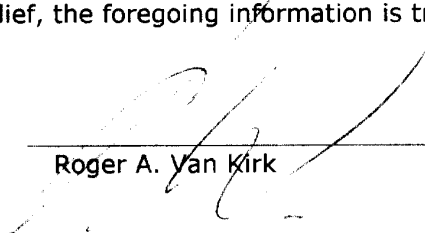
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6. Total number of applications involved: 1 *406*

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, David Stuart Potter, Dereck Ronald Wheeldon, Terence Michael McCarthy and Charles David Ogilvy Potter, respectively residing at 2, Cliff Road, Cowes, PO31 8BN, England; 7 Foxwood Avenue, Mudeford, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 3JZ, England; 10 Brierville, Durham City DH1 4QE, England; and 10 Longworth Road, Oxford OX2 6RA, England, have invented new and useful improvements in

DRIVER AND METHOD FOR DRIVING
PNEUMATIC VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES

for which International Patent Application No. PCT/GB95/00482 designating the United States of America was filed on 6 March 1995; and

WHEREAS, Thoratec Laboratories Corporation, a California corporation, having a place of business at 2023 Eighth Street, Berkeley, California 94710, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said David Stuart Potter, Dereck Ronald Wheeldon, Terence Michael McCarthy and Charles David Ogilvy Potter, sell, assign and transfer to Thoratec Laboratories Corporation, its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and in and to any Letters Patent which may be obtained thereon in the United States, together with said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and other applications for Letters Patent which have been or may be filed on said improvements in the United States, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its and their sole use and behoof.

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters Patent of the United States on said improvements to the Assignee.

We further covenant and agree that when requested by the Assignee, and without further consideration, but at the cost and expense of the Assignee, we will execute and deliver all applications for patent on said improvements, execute all lawful oaths and other papers, supply to the Assignee all facts and evidence known to us relating to said improvements and the history and development thereof, testify in all interferences, suits, and other legal proceedings, and generally do everything rightful which the Assignee shall consider desirable for aiding in securing, maintaining, and enforcing proper patent protection for said improvements and for vesting the title to said improvements in the Assignee.

We further covenant that we have the lawful right to assign the interest in said improvements in the manner and form as herein expressed, that the interests herein conveyed are free from prior assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other encumbrance whatsoever and that the execution of this Assignment is our own free act and deed.

x Date 3 Dec 96 x x David S. Potter x
David Stuart Potter

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Witness Witness

x Date 7. Oct. 1996 x x [Signature] x
Dereck Ronald Wheeldon

x Kurt Rosen x x [Signature] x
Witness Witness

x Date 18 Nov '96 x x Terence Michael McCarthy x
Terence Michael McCarthy

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Witness Witness

x Date 27 Nov 96 x x Charles David Ogilvy Potter x
Charles David Ogilvy Potter

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