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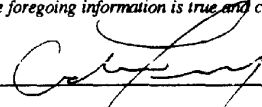
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<p>1. Name of conveying party(ies):</p> <p><u>Advanced Sterilization Products, a division of Johnson & Johnson Medical, Inc.</u></p> <p>Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):</p> <p>Name: <u>Ethicon, Inc.</u></p> <p>Street Address: <u>Route 22</u></p> <p>City: <u>Somerville</u></p> <p>State: <u>NJ</u> Zip: <u>08876</u></p> <p>Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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<p>4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):</p> <p>If this document is being filed together with a new Application, the execution date of the application is:</p> <p>A. Patent Application No.(s) <u>08/770,867</u></p> <p>B. Patent No.(s)</p> <p>Additional numbers attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:</p> <p><u>Audley A. Ciamporcero, Jr., Esq.</u> Chief Patent Counsel Johnson & Johnson One Johnson & Johnson Plaza New Brunswick, NJ 08933-7003</p>	<p>6. Total number of applications & patents involved: <u>1</u></p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) <u>\$40.00</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to Deposit Account</p> <p>8. Deposit Account Number: <u>10-0750/IJM-272/ACF</u></p>
<p>9. Statement and signature</p> <p><i>To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.</i></p> <p><u>Andrew C. Farmer</u>  <u>June 25, 1998</u></p> <p>Name of Person Signing Signature Date</p> <p>Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: <u>2</u></p>	

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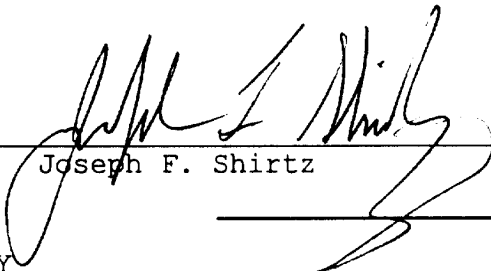
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Confirmation of Merger

Until December 29, 1997 I, Joseph F. Shirtz, was Secretary of Advanced Sterilization Products, a division of Johnson & Johnson Medical, Inc. On December 29, 1997, Johnson and Johnson Medical, Inc. was renamed Ethicon, Inc. As a result thereof, I became Secretary of Advanced Sterilization Products division of Ethicon, Inc.; I am also Assistant Secretary of Ethicon, Inc. I confirm that as a result of this merger all of the assets formerly held by Advanced Sterilization Products, a division of Johnson & Johnson Medical, Inc., including U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/770,867, filed December 20, 1996 and entitled, "TWO-STEP STERILIZATION PROCESS USING LIQUID STERILANT", are now held by Ethicon, Inc.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25 day of June, 1998.



Joseph F. Shirtz (L.S.)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

) ss.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 25th day of June, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Joseph F. Shirtz, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.


Notary Public

RUTH ANN KREIGER
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires Nov. 11, 1999

Docket No.: P97-008-CHR

INVENTION/PATENT APPLICATION ASSIGNMENT
FROM INVENTOR(S) TO COMPANY

WHEREAS I, GEORGE C. CHRISTOUDIAS of 17 Lower Cross Road, Saddle River, NJ 07548 has made a certain new and useful invention as set forth in an application for United States Letters Patent, entitled:

CHRISTOUDIAS FASCIAL CLOSURE DEVICE

executed by me on the date of execution of this document, as shown below, and filed concurrently herewith;

OR

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on September 22, 1997, and identified by United States Serial No. 08/924,619;

AND WHEREAS, SURGICAL INVENTIONS & INNOVATIONS, INC., a corporation of the State of NEW JERSEY and having an address of 331 River Road, New Milford, NJ 07646, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries that may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt for and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said assignee, its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as set forth in the above-mentioned application, including any continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, reissues, re-examinations or extensions thereof, and in and to any and all patents of the United States and foreign countries that may be issued for said invention;

UPON SAID CONSIDERATIONS, I hereby agree with the said assignee that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that I will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of said assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuations, continuations-in-part, reexamined, reissued, or extended Letters Patent of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of the assigns and legal representatives of assignor and assignee;

AND I request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent of the United States that may be issued for said invention to said assignee, its legal representatives, successors or assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to said patent and the invention covered thereby.

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STATE OF New Jersey)
COUNTY OF BERGEN) SS:

On this 13 day of April, 19 98, before me personally appeared GEORGE C. CHRISTOUDIAS, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Tatiana Stagn
Notary Public
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Name: GEORGE C. CHRISTOUDIAS

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Name: SURGICAL INVENTIONS & INNOVATIONS, INC.

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A. Patent Application No(s). 08/529,745
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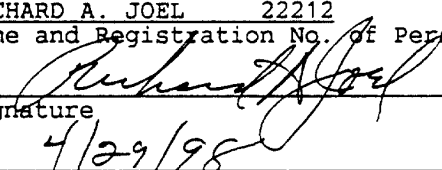
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RICHARD A. JOEL 22212
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