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Applicants	Jürgen Rudischhauser, et al.
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Title of Application:	Endoscope Having Variable Magnification

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Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet

Dear Sir:

Please record the attached original document.

1. Name of conveying parties. Jürgen Rudischhauser, Frank Lederer, and Jan Dahmen.
2. Name and Address of Receiving Party. Karl Storz GmbH & Co.; Mittelstrasse 8; D-78532 Tuttlingen, Germany.
3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment. Execution Date: January 28, 1998
4. Name and Address of Party to Whom Correspondence Concerning Document should be mailed.

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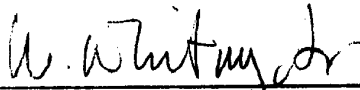
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5. Application Number: This document is being filed together with a new application, which is also filed herewith.
6. Total Number of Applications Involved: 1.
7. Total Fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$40.00 due. This amount has been added to the Application fee which is enclosed.
8. Authorization to Charge Deposit Account: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due by this paper and during the entire pendency of this Application to Account No. 19-4516.
9. Statement and Signature: Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments and document are 5. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted,



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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, the undersigned inventors, have made certain inventions or discoveries (or both) as set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, entitled **Endoscope Having Variable Magnification** which application is being filed herewith and was executed by us on 28 January, 1998;

WHEREAS, Karl Storz GmbH & Co., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Germany, and having an office and place of business at Mittelstrasse 8; D-78532 Tuttlingen, Germany, and, together with its successors and assigns is hereinafter called "Assignee", and is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits and privileges hereinafter recited;

NOW THEREFORE, for valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to us, receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, we hereby, without reservation:

1. Assign, transfer and convey to Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, any and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation and convention applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries, or upon said applications, and any and all Letters Patent, reissues and extensions of Letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon or arise from said inventions, said discoveries, said applications and said Letters Patent;

2. Authorize Assignee to file patent applications in any or all countries on any or all of said inventions and discoveries in our names or in the name of Assignee or otherwise as Assignee may deem advisable, under the International Convention or otherwise;

3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue or transfer all said Letters Patent to Assignee, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein or otherwise as Assignee may direct;

4. Warrant that we have not knowingly conveyed to others any right in said inventions, discoveries, application or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that we have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance;

5. Bind our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, as well as ourselves, to do, upon Assignee's request and at Assignee's expense, but without additional consideration to us or them, all acts reasonably serving to assure that the said inventions and discoveries, the said patent applications and the same could have been held and enjoyed by us, our heirs, legal representatives and assigns if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents, including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by Assignee; to communicate to Assignee all

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facts known to us relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof; and to furnish Assignee with any and all documents, photographs, models, samples and other physical exhibits in our control or in the control of our heirs, legal representatives or assigns, which may be useful for establishing the facts of our conceptions, disclosures, and reduction to practice of said inventions and discoveries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, Jürgen Rudischhauser, Frank Lederer, and Jan Dahmen, have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals.

28 Oct. 1998
Date

Jürgen Rudischhauser
Jürgen Rudischhauser
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D-78532 Tuttlingen, Germany

DECLARATION OF WITNESS

I, Edith Deufel, whose full post office address is Gerberstr. 42
D-78564 Fridingen, declare:

That I was personally present and did see **Jürgen Rudischhauser**, who is personally known to me to be the person named in the attached assignment, duly sign and execute the same.

Declared at Tuttlingen, this 28 day of January, 199⁸.

Edith Deufel
Signature of Witness

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28.01.1998
Date

Frank Lederer
Frank Lederer
Brunnentalstrasse 142
D-78532 Tuttlingen, Germany

DECLARATION OF WITNESS

I, Edith Deufel, whose full post office address is Gerberstr 42
D-78567 Fridingen, declare:

That I was personally present and did see **Frank Lederer**, who is personally known to me to be the person named in the attached assignment, duly sign and execute the same.

Declared at Tuttlingen, this 28 day of January, 1998.

Edith Deufel
Signature of Witness

28.01.98
Date

Jan Dahmen
Jan Dahmen
Lindenstrasse 14
D-78606 Seitingen, Germany

DECLARATION OF WITNESS

I, Edith Deufel, whose full post office address is Gerberstr. 42
D-78567 Fridingen, declare:

That I was personally present and did see **Jan Dahmen**, who is personally known to me to be the person named in the attached assignment, duly sign and execute the same.

Declared at Tuttlingen, this 28 day of January, 1998.

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