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WHEREAS, the below named individuals, ASSIGNORS, are the owners of the invention entitled:

Sternum Retractor For Performing Bypass Surgery on a Beating Heart

as fully described and claimed in our application for a patent for such invention, no. 08/940,766 filed September 30th 1997, claiming convention priority through Canadian provisional application no. 2,214,212, and WHEREAS,

Giovanni MANNARINO residing at 12172 Fernand Gauthier, Montreal, Province of Quebec,

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ASSIGNEES, were and are desirous of obtaining a three-fifths (3/5) undivided fractional interest in the right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNORS, have, on October 1st, 1997, sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto each said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, a one-fifth (1/5) undivided fractional interest in the right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, application and the said United States patent and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States applications under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventor's certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

ASSIGNORS authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence of forms of industrial protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEES, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND ASSIGNORS covenant and agree that they have full right to convey the interest herein assigned, and have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND ASSIGNORS further covenant and agree that they will communicate to the said ASSIGNEES its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known respecting said invention and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEES, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce property protection for said invention in all countries.

Tel que convenu par le cessionnaire et le cédant, cette cession a été rédigée en anglais. As agreed by both the assignees and the assignors, this assignment has been drawn up in English.

October Tst, 1997, Montreal, Canada

RECORDED: 09/08/1998

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