

ASSIGNMENT

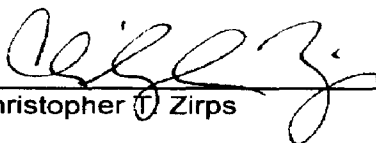
WHEREAS, I, Christopher T. Zirps, of Milton, Massachusetts, County of Norfolk, and State of Boston, have made new and useful improvements in

METHOD OF MAKING A SURGICAL INSTRUMENT CUTTING JAW

WHEREAS, Endius Incorporated, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 23 West Bacon Street, Plainville, Massachusetts 02762, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and all patents therefor to be obtained in the United States of America and countries foreign to the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for valuable considerations to me paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, the said, Christopher T. Zirps do hereby assign, sell and set over unto the said Endius Incorporated its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and any and all inventions pertaining thereto, the application for United States patent executed by me on this 17 day of September 1998, all patents granted therefor in the United States of America and elsewhere, and the right to apply for patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States and to claim for such applications the priority of United States applications, and we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue such patents to the said Endius Incorporated its successors or assigns; and we further agree to execute such other applications and other instruments and do all other acts as may be deemed necessary by the said Endius Incorporated its successors or assigns in order to fully secure, protect and preserve its rights to the said improvements and to obtain patents therefor in the United States of America and all countries foreign to the United States, all without further consideration but at the expense of the said Endius Incorporated its successors or assigns.

Signed at Cambridge County of Middlesex and State of MA
this 17 day of September, 1998.



Christopher T. Zirps

STATE OF MA
COUNTY OF Middlesex } SS:

On this 17 day of September, 1998, personally appeared before me Christopher T. Zirps to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and the purposes therein mentioned.



Notary Public

JOHN V. CAHILL
Notary Public
My Comm. Expires Oct. 9, 2003