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5,769,702 issued June 23, 1998

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Sorenson Critical Care, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Utah, having a place of business at West Jordan, Utah (hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNOR), is the sole owner of all right, title and interest in and to the improvements comprehended by the invention entitled:

"Variable Positioning Gaseous Conduit Orifice and Method of Use"

and as described in U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,769,702 issued June 23, 1998.

WHEREAS, Mend Technologies, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNEE), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas, having a place of business at Dallas, Texas, is desirous of acquiring all Letters Patent and patent applications comprehending said invention and improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR has assigned, sold, transferred, quitclaimed, released and set over and by these presents does assign, sell, transfer, quitclaim, release and set over unto ASSIGNEE any and all right, title and interest whatsoever ASSIGNOR now has or may have in and to (a) said invention and worldwide rights therein; (b) any patent application named above, including all divisions, continuations and substitutions thereof; and (c) any Letters Patent named above and all United States and foreign patents which shall issue on said invention, including all reissues, reexamined patents, renewals and extensions therefor, for the United States, its territories and possessions and all foreign countries, and to claim priority under any and all treaties and conventions to which the United States of America is signatory including the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for such corresponding applications, or any division, continuation or substitution thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE, its assigns and successors, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR, had this assignment not been made and including the right of ASSIGNEE to sue for and collect damages for any past infringement of said United States and foreign patents for said invention.

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The parties hereto hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patent based on any application named above

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have duly executed this Assignment this 11th day of Dec, 1998

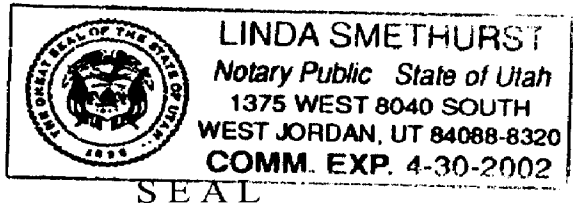
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By: 
(Signature)
J. Dale Poplin, President

STATE OF Utah

On this 11 day of Dec, 1998 before me, appeared J. Dale Poplin, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who executed the Assignment as set forth above and acknowledged to me that he executed the same individually and on behalf of for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that he is authorized by the bylaws of said corporation or a resolution of its board of directors to execute said Assignment.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 11 day of Dec, 1998



Notary Public, State of Utah

Linda J Smethurst
Printed or Typed Name of Notary

My commission expires: 4/30/2002