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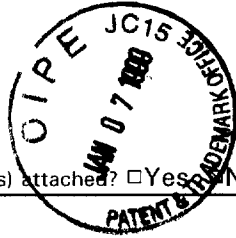
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For value received, we, Srinivas NISHTALA, of 2115 Summerwood Court, Bloomington, IN 47401, Linda ELBERT, of 8211 Lee Paul Road, Bloomington, IN 47404, D.H. Perkins, of 711 Whitethorn Place, Bloomington, IN 47403, Stephane GOBRON, of 1350 West Dittamore Road, Gosport, IN 47433, and Jeffrey SMITH, of Rural Route 1, Box 269A, Poland, IN 47868, hereby sell, assign, and transfer to

SCIMED Life Systems, Inc.

a corporation of the State of Minnesota, having an office at

One SCIMED Place
Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311-1566
United States of America

and its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, a portion of the entire right, title, and interest in and to certain inventions related to **LOW PROFILE RETENTION SYSTEM** described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/177,820, filed October 23, 1998.

The portion of the entire right, title, and interest that we hereby sell, assign, and transfer to

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includes any and all rights and privileges in said inventions in the United States, including, but not limited to, any and all rights and privileges in said application for Letters Patent of the United States (including the entire right, title, and interest in said application) and any and all rights and privileges under any and all Letters Patent or other forms of protection that may be granted in the United States for said inventions.

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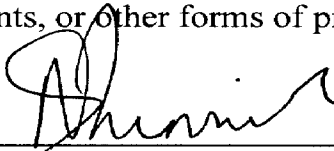
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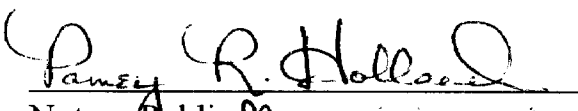
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On this 7th day of Dec. 1998, before me personally came **Srinivas NISHTALA** to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of same.



Notary Public My commission expires: 8/22/2001

Date: _____

Linda ELBERT

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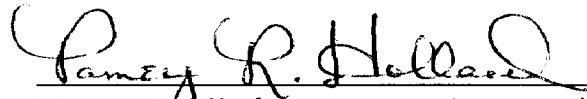

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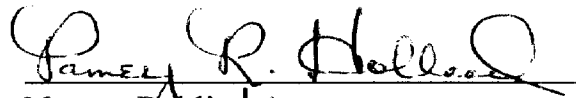

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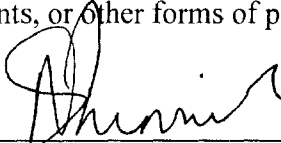
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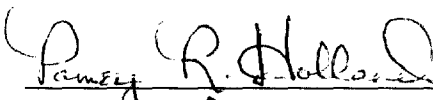

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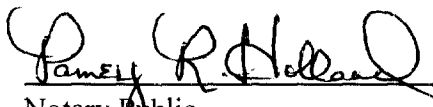

Linda ELBERT

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On this 21st day of Dec. 1998, before me personally came Linda ELBERT to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of same.


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My commission expires: 8/24/2001

Date: 12/8/98

D. H. Perkins
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Pamela R. Holland
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