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ASSIGNMENT

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WHEREAS, Antonio Longo, citizen of Italy, residing at Via Maqueda 8, 90100 Palermo, Italy; John R. Bittner, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 2988 Vivian Drive, Loveland, Ohio 45140; and Randall L. Hacker, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 1240 Gail Lane, Goshen, Ohio 45122; (hereinafter called "Assignors"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

CIRCULAR STAPLER FOR HEMORRHOIDAL PROCEDURE

for which they have this day executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Ohio, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to them moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee their entire right, title and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors further covenant and agree that they will, whenever requested, but without cost to them promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection for the said inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in said Assignee the complete title to the said inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record said title.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this day
of , 1998.

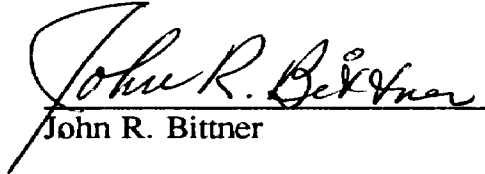
Antonio Longo (L.S.)

COUNTRY OF Italy)
) ss.
CITY OF)
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BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this day of , 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Antonio Longo, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 13th day of November, 1998.

 (L.S.)
John R. Bittner

STATE OF Ohio)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Hamilton)

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 13th day of November, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared John R. Bittner, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.


Notary Public

PATRICIA ANNE JARA
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires Sept. 22, 2002

Randall L. Hacker (L.S.)
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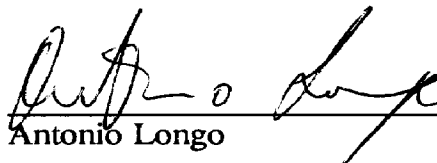
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 24 day of November , 1998.

 (L.S.)
Antonio Longo

COUNTRY OF Italy)
) ss.
CITY OF)
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BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this day of , 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Antonio Longo, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 13th day of November, 1998.

John R. Bittner (L.S.)

STATE OF Ohio)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Hamilton)

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 13th day of November, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared John R. Bittner, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 13th day of November, 1998.


_____(L.S.)
Randall L. Hacker

STATE OF Ohio)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Hamilton)

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 13th day of November, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Randall L. Hacker, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 24 day
of November, 1998.

 (L.S.)
Federico Bilotti

COUNTRY OF Italy)
) ss.
CITY OF)
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BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this day of , 1998, before me, a Notary
Public, personally appeared Federico Bilotti, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who
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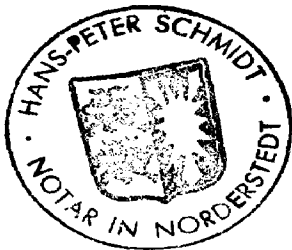
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I, Hans-Peter Schmidt, NOTARY PUBLIC in D-22846 Norderstedt, Rathausallee 31, Germany, hereby certify, that the signatures on the page before, are the true signatures, subscribed in my presence, of:

- Dr. Antonio Longo, born at 4th of March, 1953, residing at: Via Maqueda 8, 90100 Palermo, Italy, identified by Italian Identity Card-Nr. AB 5874607,
- Mr. Federico Bilotti, born at the 22nd day of August, 1954, residing at: Grot Sahl 66, 22397 Hamburg, Germany, identified by Italian Identity Card-Nr. AB 3214085.

Norderstedt, the 24th day of November, 1998



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