

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, (1) Reid S. Cover and (2) Marius Popescu hereinafter called "ASSIGNORS", residing at (1) 325 Franklin St., Mountain View, CA 94041; and (2) 695 S. 11th St. #10, San Jose, CA 95112

, have invented certain new and useful improvements in
SUCTION REGULATOR

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was signed by us on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, Stryker Corporation hereinafter called "ASSIGNEE", a corporation of the State of Michigan having a place of business at 2725 Fairfield Road

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is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$ **1.00**) to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable considerations, we, the said ASSIGNORS have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent Office Officials in the United States and in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

Further, we agree that we will communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths or declarations and generally cooperate with said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 15 day of JANUARY, 1997.

Signed in the presence of:

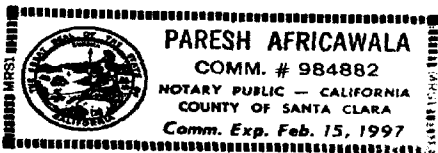
Signed: Reid S. Cover
Signed: Marius Popescu
Signed: _____

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On this 15th day of Jan, 1997, personally appeared before me the above-named Reid S. Cover and Marius Popescu

, to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

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David M. [Signature] 1/15/97
Notary Public
Feb 15 1997
My Commission expires