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## ASSIGNMENT

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WHEREAS, I, **EDWARD LARRY HICKS**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 4307 Cedarwood Drive, Lilburn, Georgia 30047, have invented certain inventions and improvements disclosed in an application for Letters Patent entitled "**MICROKERATOME**", filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1998, under Application No. 09/066,496, with three other inventors. The other inventors are **IGOR GRADOV**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 7 Corwin Drive, Alamo, California 94507 and **RONALD L. RABIE**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 216 D.P. Road, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544 and **SCOTT S. BAIR**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 1603 Trentwood Place, Atlanta, Georgia 30319-3225; and

WHEREAS, **INNOVATIVE OPTICS, INC.**, a corporation of the State of Georgia having a principal place of business at 6808 Academy Parkway East, Building C, Suite 1, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I, **EDWARD LARRY HICKS**, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto **INNOVATIVE OPTICS, INC.**, the full, exclusive and entire right, title, and interest in and to said application, in and to any divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, and in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed and described in said application, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States resulting from said application, or from a division, continuation, or reissue thereof, to **INNOVATIVE OPTICS, INC.**, as the assignee, for its interest and for the sole use and benefit of **INNOVATIVE OPTICS, INC.** and its assigns and legal representatives;

For the same consideration, I, by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer to **INNOVATIVE OPTICS, INC.**, the full, exclusive, and entire right, title and interest in and to any foreign application or applications corresponding to said application, in whole or in part, in countries other than the United States, in and to any Letters Patent and similar protective rights granted on said foreign applications, and in and to the right to claim any applicable priority rights arising from or required for said foreign applications under the terms of any applicable conventions, treaties, statutes, or regulations; said foreign applications to be filed and issued in the name of **INNOVATIVE OPTICS, INC.**, or its designee insofar as permitted by applicable law.

AND, for the same consideration, I agree to sign all lawful papers, execute all division, continuing, reissue and other applications, make all assignments and rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid **INNOVATIVE OPTICS, INC.**, its successors, assigns, and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for all said inventions and improvements in all countries throughout the world.

12-28-98  
Date

Edward Larry Hicks  
EDWARD LARRY HICKS

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