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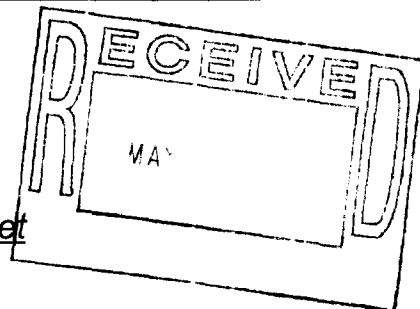
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Applicants	Jörg Keckstein, et al.
Serial No. - 09/117,945	Filing Date: August 7, 1998
Title of Application:	A Device For Lifting The Abdominal Wall For Laparoscopy

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1. Name of conveying parties. Jörg Keckstein, Uwe Bacher, and Markus Lehmann.
2. Name and Address of Receiving Party. Karl Storz GmbH & Co.; Mittelstrasse 8; D-78532 Tuttlingen, Germany.
3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment. Execution Date: July 23 and July 30, 1998 and August 14, 1998.
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5. Application Number: 09/117,945.
6. Total Number of Applications Involved: 1.
7. Total Fee (37 CFR 3.41). \$40.00 due. A check for this amount is enclosed.
8. Authorization to Charge Deposit Account. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due by this paper and during the entire pendency of this Application to Account No. 19-4516.
9. Statement and Signature. Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments and document are 5. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, the undersigned inventors, have made certain inventions or discoveries (or both) as set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, entitled **A Device For Lifting The Abdominal Wall For Laparoscopy**, which application is being filed herewith;

WHEREAS, Karl Storz GmbH & Co., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Germany, and having an office and place of business at Mittelstrasse 8; D-78532 Tuttlingen, Germany, and, together with its successors and assigns is hereinafter called "Assignee", and is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits and privileges hereinafter recited;

NOW THEREFORE, for valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to us, receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, we hereby, without reservation:

1. Assign, transfer and convey to Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, any and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation and convention applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries, or upon said applications, and any and all Letters Patent, reissues and extensions of Letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon or arise from said inventions, said discoveries, said applications and said Letters Patent;

2. Authorize Assignee to file patent applications in any or all countries on any or all of said inventions and discoveries in our names or in the name of Assignee or otherwise as Assignee may deem advisable, under the International Convention or otherwise;

3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue or transfer all said Letters Patents to Assignee, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein or otherwise as Assignee may direct;

4. Warrant that we have not knowingly conveyed to others any right in said inventions, discoveries, applications or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that we have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance;

5. Bind our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, as well as ourselves, to do, upon Assignee's request and at Assignee's expense, but without additional consideration to us or them, all acts reasonably serving to assure that the said inventions and discoveries, the said patent applications and the same could have been held and enjoyed by us, our heirs, legal representatives and assigns if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents, including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by Assignee; to communicate to Assignee all facts known to us relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof; and to

Declaration of Witness

I declare that I was personally present and did see Uwe Bacher, who is personally known to me to be the person named in this assignment, duly sign and execute the same.

Declared at Tuttlingen, on 23 July 1998.



Signature of Witness

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Name of Witness

30. 7. 98

Date

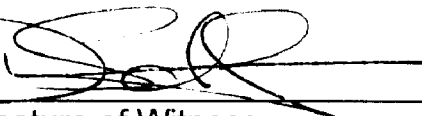


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Declaration of Witness

I declare that I was personally present and did see Markus Lehmann, who is personally known to me to be the person named in this assignment, duly sign and execute the same.

Declared at Stochedorf, on 30.7.98.



Signature of Witness

D.R. Schneider

Name of Witness

furnish Assignee with any and all documents, photographs, models, samples and other physical exhibits in our control or in the control of our heirs, legal representatives or assigns, which may be useful for establishing the facts of our conceptions, disclosures, and reduction to practice of said inventions and discoveries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, Jörg Keckstein, Uwe Bacher, and Markus Lehmann, have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals.

14. 8. 98
Date

J. Keckstein
Jörg Keckstein
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Declaration of Witness

I declare that I was personally present and did see Joerg Keckstein, who is personally known to me to be the person named in this assignment, duly sign and execute the same.

Declared at VILLACH, on 14.08.98.

Sandra Sandra
Signature of Witness
BECK SANDRA
Name of Witness

23.7.98
Date

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