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WHEREAS, we, ROGER P. JUNEAU, LYNN P. CREEL, EDWARD J. DESPORTE, MICHAEL MAJOR, GREGORY R. SIEGLE, and KELLY M. KINLER, are the joint inventors of the invention that is the subject of our U.S. Patent Application filed herewith, entitled "METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SOFT HEARING AID" and bearing Attorney Docket No. P98005US (98029/4P8); and

WHEREAS, SOFTEAR TECHNOLOGIES, L.L.C., a limited liability company created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Louisiana, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention throughout the world, and all right, title and interest in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid by SOFTEAR TECHNOLOGIES, L.L.C. and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to SOFTEAR TECHNOLOGIES, L.L.C., all right, title and interest in and to the said invention throughout the world, and said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, and reissues thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by SOFTEAR TECHNOLOGIES, L.L.C. for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries are or may be granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

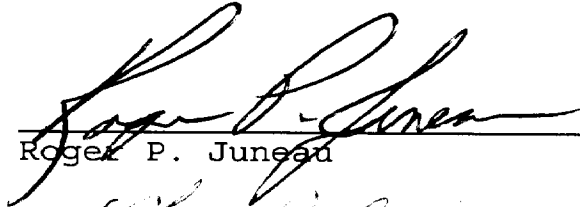
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And we further hereby covenant and agree that we will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title of said invention and to such Letters Patent as may be granted therefor, to SOFTEAR TECHNOLOGIES, L.L.C., its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives and that if SOFTEAR TECHNOLOGIES, L.L.C., its successors, assigns or other legal representatives shall desire to file any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications or to secure a reissue of such Letters Patent, or to file a disclaimer relating thereto, will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the filing of such divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application, or such

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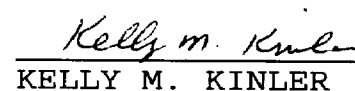
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