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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION AND PATENTS THEREON

WHEREAS, I (We), Michael Scott Hughes, of 1632 Ridge Bend Drive, Glencoe in the State of Missouri 63038 have invented a new or improved SUSPENSION DEVICE AND METHOD as fully disclosed in an application for Patent and filed by me (us) on May 21, 1999, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and whereas, Mallinckrodt Inc., a Corporation organized under the Laws of the State of DELAWARE, and having its principal office at 675 McDonnell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63134 desires to acquire the entire interest in and to the subject-matter disclosed in said application and in and to all patents issued or to be issued thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to me (us) in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I (we) have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Mallinckrodt Inc. our entire right, title and interest in and to the subject-matter disclosed in said application and in and to all Letters Patent Domestic and Foreign issued or to be obtained thereon, including all rights and interests with priority rights under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the International Patent Cooperative Union, European Patent Convention, Common Market Convention, or any other Convention or Union for each country of said Convention or Union; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue

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the Letters Patent granted on said application and all future patents granted upon the subject matter disclosed therein to the above named Assignee, its legal representatives and assigns.

Witness my hand this 19 day of July , 1999.

Michael Scott Hughes

Inventor.

STATE OF Missouri) ss.

COUNTY OF St. Louis.

On this 49 day of 40, 1999, before me personally appeared Michael Scott Hughes, to me known and known to me to be the above named individual who duly acknowledged the signing of the foregoing instrument to be a voluntary act and deed and who executed the same for the uses and purposes therein specified.

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