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WHEREAS WE, ALFRED CUSCHIERI, TIM FRANK, AND UWE BACHER, residing at Denbrae Mill, Stratkiness Low Road, St. Andrews Fife KY16 9TY, Great Britain, Wormat Newport-on-Tay Fife, DD68NG, Great Britain, and Pestalozzistr. 10, D-78532 Tuttlingen, Germany, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in DESIGN FOR A HANDLE FOR A MEDICAL INSTRUMENT, for which WE have executed an application for letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 29/105,641, filed May 27, 1999.

## and

WHEREAS, KARL STORZ, GmbH & CO. a German company having limited liability, having its principal offices at Mittelstrasse 8, D-78532 Tuttlingen, Germany is desirous of obtaining all of the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We, the said ALFRED CUSCHIERI, TIM FRANK, and UWE BACHER, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents to hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto said KARL STORZ GmbH & CO., and its successors, legal representatives and assigns, all of the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and all rights of priority thereto pursuant to the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvement in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof and all inventors certificates and certificates of re- examination; and WE hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvement to the said KARL STORZ GmbH & CO., and its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

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AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that WE will communicate to the said KARL STORZ GmbH & CO., and its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to US respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, and applications for certificate of re-examination, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said KARL STORZ GmbH & CO., and its successors legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

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