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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **Martin LAUER**, being a citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany, residing at Auf dem Hollerstock 8, D-66606 St. Wendel, Federal Republic of Germany, has made new and useful improvements in **CONNECTORELEMENT**, for which an application for Letters Patent was filed on June 28, 1999, under Serial No. 09/342,006; and

WHEREAS **FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE DEUTSCHLAND GMBH**, having a place of business at **Else-Kröner-Strasse 1, D-61352 Bad Homburg, Federal Republic of Germany**, and who, together with its successors and assigns, is hereinafter called "Assignee," 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 reservations:

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 any and all 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.

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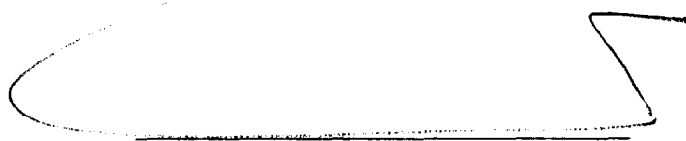
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of October, 1999.



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