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ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we the undersigned,

Ingo VOM BERG, Gebhard HERRMANN, Dieter WEISSHAUPT and Paul WIENEKE

who, has/have created a certain invention for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been

executed concurrently herewith
 filed on <u>August 4, 1999</u> and assigned application number <u>09/366,969</u>, and is entitled:

BRAIN SPATULA

Do hereby sell, assign and transfer to: AESCULAP AG & Co. KG

a German corporation

referred to herein as "Assignee", whose address is: Am Aesculap-Platz

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its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to said invention and said application and to any and all inventions described in said application for the United States, its territorial possessions and all foreign countries, and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States, its territorial possessions and all foreign countries; and in and to any and all continuations-in-part, continuations, divisions, substitutes, reissues, extensions thereof, and all other applications for Letters Patent relating thereto (including prior filed provisional applications) which have been or shall be filed in the United States, its territorial possessions and/or any foreign countries, and all rights, together with all priority rights, under any of the international conventions, unions, agreements, acts, and treaties, including all future conventions, unions, agreements, acts, and treaties;

Agree that Assignee may apply for and receive in its own name Letters Patent for said invention and said inventions, hereinafter referred to as said invention, in the United States, its territorial possessions, and all foreign countries; and that, when requested to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the undersigned will execute all continuations-in-part, continuations, divisions, substitutes, reissues, and extensions thereof, execute all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers, testify in any legal or quasi legal proceedings; communicate to said Assignee, it successors, assigns, and legal representatives all facts known to the undersigned relating to said invention and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which said Assignee, its successors, assigns or legal representatives shall consider desirable for aiding in securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for said invention and for vesting title to said invention and all applications for patents on said invention in said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives; and

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Covenant with said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the undersigned, and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I/we have hereunto set my/our signature(s) on the date(s) indicated below.

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