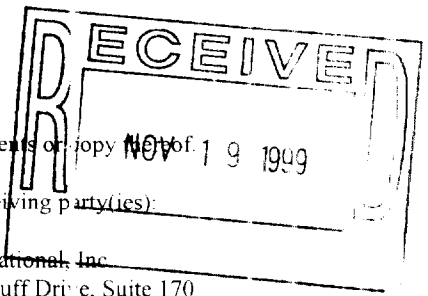


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Steven F. Bierman, a United States citizen, residing at 143 Eighth Street, Del Mar, California 92014, have invented certain new and useful improvements in an ANCHORING SYSTEM FOR A MEDICAL ARTICLE for which I have filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, Application No. 09/375,744, filed August 17, 1999;

AND WHEREAS, Venetec International, Inc. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Delaware Corporation, with its principal place of business at 12555 High Bluff Drive, Suite 170, San Diego, California 92130, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said inventor, do hereby acknowledge that I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, 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 rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements 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 I 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 on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I HEREBY covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, 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 27 day of November, 1999.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Steven F. Bierman

STATE OF California  
COUNTY OF San Diego ss.

On 11-02-99, before me, Norman Yuen, Notary Public, personally appeared Steven F. Bierman ~~personally known to me~~ (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person  whose name  is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity , and that by his signature  on the instrument the person , or the entity upon behalf of which the person  acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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