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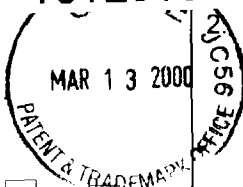
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**PATENT
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ASSIGNMENT

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

Rupert MAYENBERGER and Dieter WEISSHAUPT

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

☐ **executed concurrently herewith**

☒ **filed on December 16, 1999 and assigned application number 09/465,137, and is entitled:**

SURGICAL CLIP

Do hereby sell, assign and transfer to: **AESCULAP AG & Co. KG**
a German corporation

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Rupert MAYENBERGER

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