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WHEREAS, John Raymond Bittner, Aaron Christopher Voegele, and Dale Gene Boling, citizens of the United States of America, residing at 274 Jefferson Drive, Palmyra, VA 22963-2605; 143 Shoemaker Drive, Loveland, OH 45140 and 6964 Old US 68, Georgetown, OH 45121, respectively (hereinafter called "Assignors"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

IMPROVED CUTTING BLADE FOR A SURGICAL ANASTOMOSIS STAPLING  
INSTRUMENT

for which they have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., a corporation of the State of Ohio, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to them moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee their entire right, title and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors further covenant and agree that they will, whenever requested, but without cost to them promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection for the said inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in said Assignee the complete title to the said inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record said title.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this            day of            , 2000

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John Raymond Bittner (L.S.)

STATE OF                    )  
                                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF                )

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this            day of            , 2000, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared John Raymond Bittner who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand  
and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000

*C. Voegel* 1-14-00 (L.S.)  
Aaron Christopher Voegele

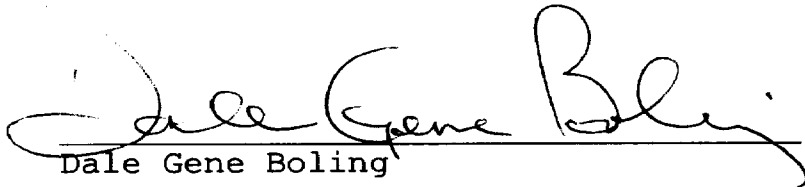
STATE OF Ohio           )  
                                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Hamilton   )

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January,  
2000, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Aaron  
Christopher Voegele who I am satisfied is the person named in  
and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I  
having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did  
acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as  
his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein  
expressed.

*Patricia Anne Jara*  
Notary Public


**PATRICIA ANNE JARA**  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires Sept. 22, 2003

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his  
hand and seal this 19th day of January, 2000

  
Dale Gene Boling (L.S.)

STATE OF Ohio           )  
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COUNTY OF Hamilton   )

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 19th day of January  
2000, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared, Dale Gene  
Boling who I am satisfied is the person named in and who  
executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having  
first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge  
that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary  
act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

  
Notary Public

**PATRICIA ANNE JARA**  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires Sept. 22, 2008