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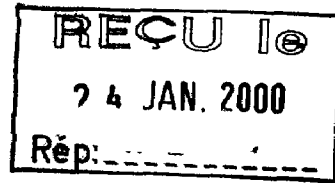
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WHEREAS, Pierre HILAIRE, a French citizen, residing at 25, rue Pierre Semard, F-75009 Paris, France, and Viviane PAYROU, a French citizen, residing at ~~4, impasse du Bois Briard, F-94800 Villejuif, France,~~ <sup>1, impasse des Rouges Gorges F 94.260 FRESNES</sup> (the undersigned), are the inventors of EXPANDABLE STENT WITH VARIABLE THICKNESS.

AND, WHEREAS, LABORATOIRES NYCOMED S.A. a French company, having its principal place of business at Centre d'Affaires et d'Activités Tolbiac-Massena, 25, quai Panhard et Levassor, CE No. 19, F-75644 Paris Cedex 13, France, (the assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention, all applications for and all letters patent issued on said invention.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), receipt of which is acknowledged by the undersigned, and of other good and valuable consideration, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the assignee and assignees legal representatives the entire right, title and interest in said invention and all patent applications thereon, including, but not limited to, the application for United States Letters Patent as entitled above which the undersigned executed on 15/12/99 and 20/12/99 and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in all letters patent, including all reissues thereof, throughout the world.

It is agreed that the undersigned shall be legally bound, upon request of the assignee, to supply all information and evidence relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, to execute all instruments proper to patent the invention throughout the world for the benefit of the assignee, and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument.

The undersigned warrant that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance.

EXECUTED under seal on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1999 at PARIS.

[Signature]  
Pierre Hilaire

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Viviane Payrou

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Witness my hand and Notarial seal the day and year immediately above written.

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