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In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

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hereby sells, assigns and transfers to

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and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and its territorial possessions, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled GRIP FOR A SURGICAL INSTRUMENT, and which is found in U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/217,452 filed March 24, 1994, Letters Patent Number 5,439,461, registered Aug. 08, 1995 or any continuation, divisional, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue or re-examination thereof, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the **ASSIGNEE**, its successors and assigns; and we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the **ASSIGNEE** in connection with the United States application when

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Date: 26.12.2000

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