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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION AND PATENT RIGHTS

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WHEREAS, ROBERT C. RANKINS, of Collin County, Texas is the inventor and owner of U. S. Patent No. 6,017,353, issued January 25, 2000 entitled **INSTRUMENT FOR REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODIES FROM THE EAR OR NOSE**; and

WHEREAS, R & D SOLUTIONS, INC. of Collin County, Texas, a Texas corporation, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest of ROBERT C. RANKINS in and to said invention and said patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT C. RANKINS for value received, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable considerations, do hereby sell, assign and convey unto the said R & D SOLUTIONS, INC. all of my entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, above identified, and to said Letters Patent No. 6,017,353; and I hereby agree that I will sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid said corporation, its successors, assigns and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

EXECUTED this 25 day of MAY, A.D., 2000.



ROBERT C. RANKINS

STATE OF TEXAS

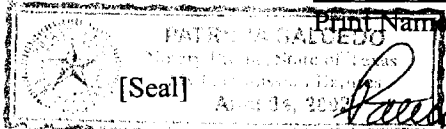
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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared ROBERT C. RANKINS, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 25th day of MAY, A.D., 2000.

PATRICIA SALCEDO

Print Name of Notary Public



Patricia Salcedo
Notary Public in and for the
County of Dallas

My commission expires the 4th day of APRIL, 2002.