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<p>1. Name of Party(ies) conveying an interest:</p> <p>Ecton, Inc. (a Pennsylvania Corporation)</p> <p>Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>2. Name and Address of Party(ies) receiving an interest:</p> <p>Name: Ecton, Inc. (a Delaware Corporation)</p> <p>Internal Address:</p> <p>Street Address: 5168 Campus Drive</p> <p>City: Plymouth Meeting</p> <p>State/Zip: PA/19462</p> <p>Additional name(s) and addresses attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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3. Description of the interest conveyed:

Assignment Change of Name Other:

Security Agreement Merger

Execution Date: 12/22/99

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s). Additional sheet attached? Yes No

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

Date

A. Patent Application No.(s)
09/396,834

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:</p> <p>BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE P.O. BOX 10395 CHICAGO, IL 60610 (312)321-4200</p>	<p>6. Number of applications and patents involved: <u>1</u></p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ <u>40.00</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-1925</p> <p>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge any deficiencies in fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.</p>
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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

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Name of Person Signing *Craig A. Summerfield* Signature

June 27, 2000 Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, **Christopher B. Knell, Joseph A. Urbano, and Anthony P. Lannutti**, with respective post office addresses and citizenships of:

1. 53 East Central Avenue
Moorestown, New Jersey 08057
Citizen of United States of America;
2. 4017 Redwing Lane
Audubon, Pennsylvania 19403
Citizen of United States of America; and
3. 138 Avondale Road
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19403
Citizen of United States of America;

hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNORS," have invented a certain new and useful

MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND SYSTEM AND METHOD

the specification of which was filed on September 14, 1999 as Application No. 09/396,834.

WHEREAS, Ecton, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation having a place of business at 5168 Campus Drive, Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania 19002, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNEE", is desirous of acquiring said invention and said patent application.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable executed consideration, the full receipt and sufficiency of all of which are hereby acknowledged and intending to be legally bound hereby, we, the undersigned ASSIGNORS, hereby agree to sell, assign, transfer and convey and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the above-named ASSIGNEE, the whole and entire right, title and interest

in and to said invention as described in the above patent application, for the territory of the United States and its possessions and territories and all foreign countries;

in and to the above patent application and any and all related United States and foreign patent applications disclosing said invention, including provisionals, non-provisionals, divisions and continuations thereof, along with all rights of priority created by said patent application under any treaty relating thereto; and

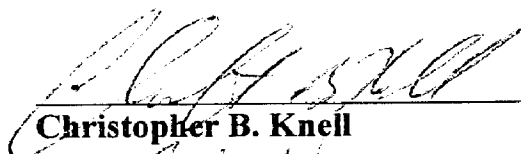
in and to all United States and foreign patents which may be granted on any and all of said patent applications, including extensions, reissues and reexamination certificates thereof;

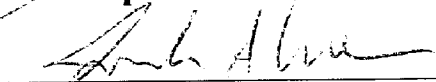
said invention, application(s) and patent(s) to be held and enjoyed by the above-named ASSIGNEE, for ASSIGNEE's own use and benefit, and for ASSIGNEE's legal representatives and assigns to the full end of the term or terms for which said patent(s) may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the undersigned ASSIGNORS had this assignment and sale not been made; and for the aforesaid consideration ASSIGNORS hereby covenant, agree and undertake to execute, whenever requested by the above-named ASSIGNEE, all patent applications, assignments, lawful oaths and any other papers which ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable for securing to ASSIGNEE or for maintaining for ASSIGNEE all the patent(s) hereby assigned or agreed to be assigned; all without further compensation to the undersigned ASSIGNORS.

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Christopher B. Knell

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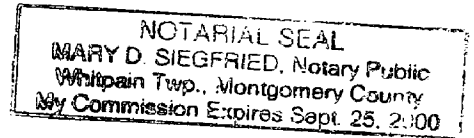
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COUNTY OF Montgomery :

Before me, a notary public in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this 13th day of December, 1999, personally appeared **Christopher B. Knell**, who being to me personally known, and who having first executed the foregoing instrument in my presence and have been by me first duly sworn, did acknowledge the foregoing instrument as his free deed and act, signed, sealed and delivered by him for the purpose therein stated and intending to be legally bound thereby and intending that said instrument be recorded.

Mary D. Siegfried
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



STATE OF Pennsylvania :

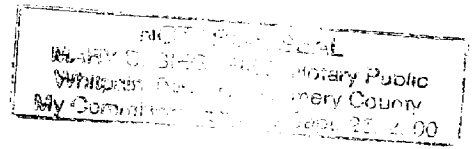
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Before me, a notary public in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this 13th day of December, 1999, personally appeared **Joseph A. Urbano**, who being to me personally known, and who having first executed the foregoing instrument in my presence and have been by me first duly sworn, did acknowledge the foregoing instrument as his free deed and act, signed, sealed and delivered by him for the purpose therein stated and intending to be legally bound thereby and intending that said instrument be recorded.

Mary D. Siegfried
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



STATE OF Pennsylvania :

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Before me, a notary public in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this 13th day of December, 1999, personally appeared **Anthony P. Lannutti**, who being to me personally known, and who having first executed the foregoing instrument in my presence and have been by me first duly sworn, did acknowledge the foregoing instrument as his free deed and act, signed, sealed and delivered by him for the purpose therein stated and intending to be legally bound thereby and intending that said instrument be recorded.

Mary D. Siegfried
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC
MARY D. SIEGFRIED, Notary Public
Whitpain Twp., Montgomery County
My Commission Expires Sept. 25, 2000

Office of the Secretary of State

I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"ECTON, INC.", A PENNSYLVANIA CORPORATION,

WITH AND INTO "ECHO ACQUISITION CORP." UNDER THE NAME OF "ECTON, INC.", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 1999, AT 4:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

A FILED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.



Edward J. Freel

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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DATE: 12-27-99

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CERTIFICATE OF MERGER
OF
ECTON, INC.
WITH AND INTO
ECHO ACQUISITION CORP.

The undersigned corporation, Echo Acquisition Corp.,

DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: That the name and state of incorporation of each of the constituent corporations of the merger is as follows:

NAME	STATE OF INCORPORATION
Ecton, Inc.	Pennsylvania
Echo Acquisition Corp.	Delaware

SECOND: That an Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, as amended, between the parties to the merger has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the constituent corporations in accordance with the requirements of section 252 of the General Corporation Law of Delaware.

THIRD: The name of the surviving corporation of the merger is Echo Acquisition Corp., which shall hereinwith be changed to Ecton, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

FOURTH: That the amendments in the Certificate of Incorporation of Echo Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation which is surviving the merger, that are to be affected by the merger are as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Certificate of Incorporation of Echo Acquisition Corp. be amended by changing the FIRST article thereof so that, as amended, said article shall be and read as follows:

"1. The name of the corporation is Ecton, Inc."

FIFTH: That the executed Agreement of Merger is on file at an office of the surviving corporation, the address of which is 1220 Charleston Road, Mountain View, CA 94039.

SIXTH: That a copy of the Agreement of Merger will be furnished by the surviving corporation, on request and without cost, to any stockholder of any constituent corporation.

SEVENTH: The authorized capital stock of each foreign corporation which is a party to the merger is as follows:

Corporation	Class	Number of Shares	Par Value Per Share
Ecton, Inc.	Common	10,000,000	\$.01

EIGHTH: That this Certificate of Merger shall be effective on December 22, 1999.

Dated: December 22, 1999

ECHO ACQUISITION CORP.

By: [Signature]
Name: Daniel R. Dugan
Title: President

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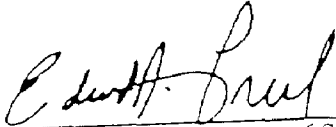
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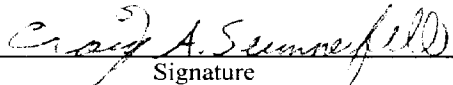
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Christopher B. Knell et al.

Serial No.: 09/396,834

Examiner: unassigned

Filed: September 14, 1999

Group Art Unit: 3737

For: MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC
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Dear Sir:

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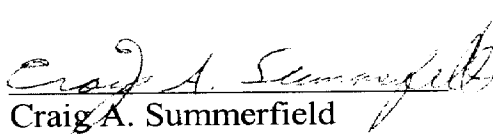
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Respectfully submitted,

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