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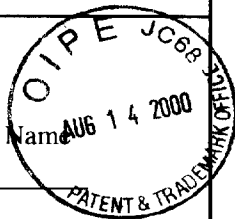
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Medical Corporation are the exclusive owners, by assignment, recorded on October 7, 1994, reel 7184, frame 002, of the following Letters Patent of the United States of America:

5,600,245, Granted February 4, 1997

WHEREAS, Hitachi Medical Corporation is desirous of acquiring the sole and exclusive right, title and interest in, to and under the said Letters Patent, and the inventions covered thereby;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Hitachi, Ltd. has sold, assigned, transferred and set over and does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to the said Hitachi Medical Corporation, the entire right, title and interest in the said invention and the Letters Patent aforesaid, and any reissue or reissues of said Letters Patent already granted or which may be granted, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Hitachi Medical Corporation for their own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of their successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term for which said Letters Patent of the United States are granted or reissued as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the said Hitachi, Ltd., if this assignment and sale had not been made.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Hitachi, Ltd., has caused these presence to be signed by its officer(s) thereunto duly authorized this 4th day of August, 2000.

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