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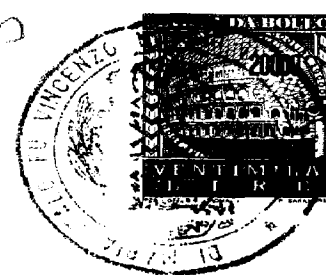
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WHEREAS, We, Paolo BERGAMASCHI, Via Fratelli Cervi 12, 41033 Concordia (Province of Modena) Italy, and Massimo FINI, via Picasso, 31, 41037 Mirandola (MO), Italy, have invented an invention entitled "CUSTOMIZABLE FACE OR NOSE MASK FOR THE NONINVASIVE VENTILATION OF PATIENTS IN GENERAL", identified as Italian Application No. MI98 A 001027 and Case No. 1315 IT, and described in a patent application executed by us on the dates set after our signatures hereto; and

WHEREAS, Mallinckrodt Holdings B.V., of Deventer, The Netherlands, incorporated in The Netherlands, wants to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or inventions and any and all patents to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of Five Dollars (\$5.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable consideration, We do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Mallinckrodt Holdings B.V., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or inventions, as described in the aforesaid application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to the aforesaid application; and in and to any applications filed in any foreign country based thereon, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of the International Convention; also any improvements on said invention or inventions now or hereafter made by us during the period of our employment; also the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents or reissues or extensions thereof to be obtained in this or any foreign country upon said invention, inventions, or improvements and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or substitute applications which may be filed upon said invention, inventions, or improvements in this or any foreign country; and We hereby authorize and request the issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said application or applications to said Mallinckrodt Holdings B.V., as assignee of the entire interest.

We further agree, without any payment by Mallinckrodt Holdings B.V. other than expenses incurred by the undersigned, to communicate to said Mallinckrodt Holdings B.V., its representatives or agents, any fact relating to said invention, inventions or improvements, including evidence for interference purposes or for other legal proceedings, whenever requested; testify in any interference or other legal proceedings, whenever requested; and

execute and deliver, on request, all lawful papers required to make any of the foregoing provisions effective.


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals on the dates set after our signatures.

(L.S.) Paolo Bergamaschi, Dated: 22/03, 1999
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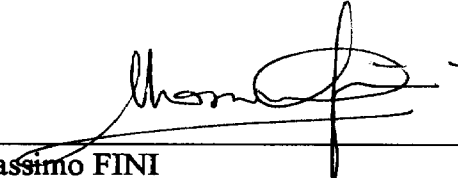
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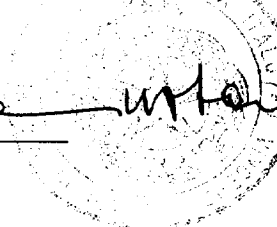
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