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Name Medtronic AVE, INC.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Peiwen Cheng, whose address is 366 Breeden Street, Santa Rosa, California 95409, Robert Cafferata, whose address is 55 Warwick Road, Belmont, MA 02478 and Marc Hendriks, whose address is Schumanstraat 6, 6441 KD Brunssum, The Netherlands, Eugene Tedeschi, whose address is 3053 Porter Creek Road, Santa Rosa, California 95404, and Michel L.P.M. Verhoeven, whose address is Endepolsdomein 5, 6229 GW Maastricht, The Netherlands, hereinafter collectively "ASSIGNORS," have invented certain new and useful improvements disclosed in an application for United States Letters Patent entitled NITRIC OXIDE RELEASING METALLIC MEDICAL DEVICES, filed May 10, 2000, as Application Serial No. 09/567,579.

WHEREAS, ASSIGNORS warrant that they have rights, title and interest in and to said new invention and that they have never assigned, encumbered or licensed said invention or any interest therein to any person or entity whatsoever, and

WHEREAS, MEDTRONIC AVE, INC., a Delaware corporation, having an office and place of business at 3576 Unocal Place, Santa Rosa, California 94503, hereinafter "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring ASSIGNOR'S rights, title and interest in and to said invention, described in said application, in the United States and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of our employment by ASSIGNEE, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNORS do sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention in the United States and throughout the world, and in and to any Letters Patents, reissues, continuations or divisions of which may be granted and issued therefor, and hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and any officials of foreign countries whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all patents for said invention to ASSIGNEE in accordance with terms of this assignment;

AND ASSIGNORS further agree to execute all necessary documents and to perform all acts reasonably required of them for the purpose of protecting the rights herein assigned, including, without limitation, any applications for patent, for reissues, or for continuations and/or divisions in whole or in part, and the like which may heretofore or may be hereinafter filed, but all at the expense of said ASSIGNEE.

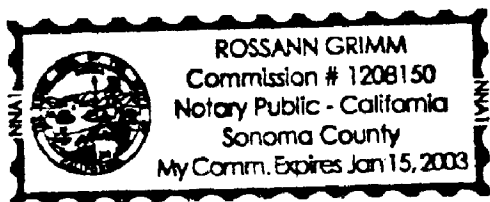
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name at Santa Rosa, CA on the dated indicated:

Peiwen Cheng
Peiwen Cheng

Dated: 7/14/2000

STATE OF California)
) ss
COUNTY OF Sonoma)

On this 14th day of July, 2000, before me Rossann Grimm, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Peiwen Cheng, ~~personally known to me~~ (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.



Rossann Grimm
Notary Public

Robert Cafferata
Robert Cafferata

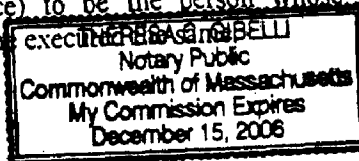
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COUNTY OF)

On this 10th day of July, 2000, before me Robert Cafferata, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Robert Cafferata, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.



Theresa Libelli
Notary Public

Dated: 07/10/00

Marc Hendriks

STATE OF)

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COUNTY OF)

On this 1 day of August, 2000, before me _____, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Marc Hendriks, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

Eugene Tedeschi
Eugene Tedeschi

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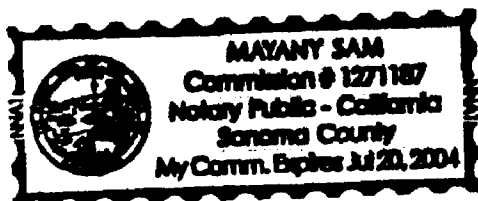
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On this 11th day of September, 2000, before me Eugene Tedeschi, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Eugene Tedeschi, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.



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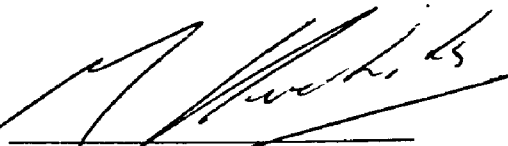
Robert Cafferata

Dated: _____

STATE OF _____)
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COUNTY OF _____)

On this _____ day of _____, 2000, before me _____, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Robert Cafferata, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

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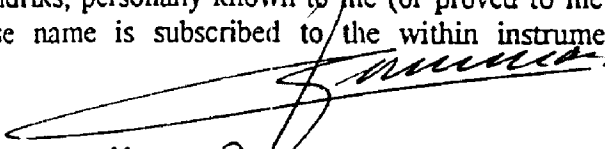

Marc Hendriks

Dated: 12 sep 2000

STATE OF the Netherlands)
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COUNTY OF Maastricht)

On this 12th day of September, 2000, before me mr. M P P F Groutars, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Marc Hendriks, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.




Mr. Maria Petrus Paulus Franciscus Groutars
Notary Public

Dated: _____

Eugene Tedeschi

STATE OF _____)
)ss
COUNTY OF _____)

On this _____ day of _____, 2000, before me _____, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Eugene Tedeschi, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

Notary Public

Michel L.P.M. Verhoeven
Michel L.P.M. Verhoeven

Dated: 12 Sept 2000

STATE OF the Netherlands)
)ss
COUNTY OF Maastricht)

On this 12th day of September, 2000, before me Mr M.P.P.F. Grooters, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Michel L.P.M. Verhoeven known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.



Mr. Maria Petrus Paulus Franciscus Grooters
Notary Public