

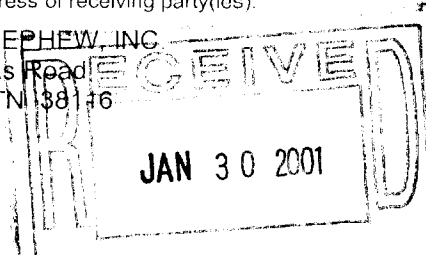
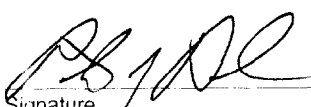
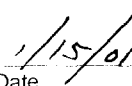
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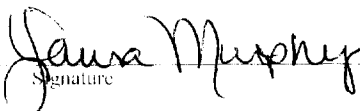
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For valuable consideration, I, Mark Hans Emanuel, of _____ hereby assigns to Smith & Nephew, Inc, a Delaware corporation having a place of business at Memphis, Tennessee, and its successors and assigns (hereinafter "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of the following applications for patents:

Netherlands application No. 1006944, filed September 4, 1997; and

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both entitled **Surgical Endoscopic Cutting Device and Method for Its Use** (hereinafter the "Patent Applications").

This assignment includes the Patent Applications, together with all continuing prosecution, continuations, continuations in part and divisional applications, all resulting patents, reissues, reexaminations, substitutes, extensions thereof and all corresponding national phase patent applications and all resulting patents, utility models, and design registrations, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said Patent Application under all applicable conventions, treaties and the like. I authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in my name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion, and for inventor's certificates for said inventions and improvements; and I agree for me and my respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation, to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, preliminary statements, declarations and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at _____
this 6 day of march, 2000.


Mark Hans Emanuel

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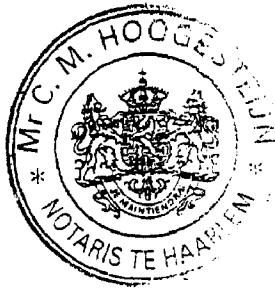
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