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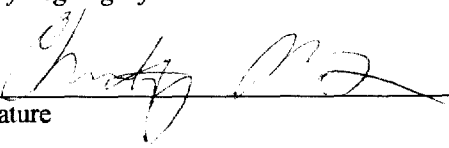
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I/we, Paul F. Chouinard and Dennis A. Peiffer, of Maple Grove, Minnesota, (hereinafter referred to as "**ASSIGNOR**") have made an invention entitled **PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A BRAIDED BIFURCATED STENT**, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/677,905, filed, October 3, 2000 for which the **ASSIGNOR** executed an application for United States Letters Patent;

WHEREAS, the **ASSIGNEE**, **SciMed Life Systems, Inc.**, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having a place of business at One SciMed Place, Maple Grove, MN 55311-1566, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the **ASSIGNEE** the **ASSIGNOR'S** entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in said invention, including said patent application, all divisions and continuations thereof, all rights to claim priority based thereon, all rights to file foreign applications on said invention, and all letters patent and reissues thereof, issuing for said invention in the United States of America and in any and all foreign countries.

It is agreed that **ASSIGNOR** shall be legally bound, upon request and at the expense of the **ASSIGNEE** or its successors or assigns or a legal representative thereof, to supply all information and evidence of which the undersigned has knowledge or possession, relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, to execute all instruments and do such other acts as may be necessary and proper to patent the invention in the United States of America and foreign countries in the name of the **ASSIGNEE** and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument.

Because **ASSIGNOR** includes more than one person, these obligations shall apply to those persons both individually and collectively.

ASSIGNOR hereby warrants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this Assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment is executed on the day indicated below.

ASSIGNOR #1:

Typed Name: Paul F. Chouinard

Paul F. Chouinard

Signature

Date: 1/11/01

Witness as to ASSIGNOR #1: (Optional) _____

ASSIGNOR #2:

Typed Name: Dennis A. Peiffer

Dennis A. Peiffer

Signature

Date: 1/12/01

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