



A S S I G N M E N T

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WHEREAS, Henning Warnecke, residing at Felix-Jud-Ring 212, D-21035 Hamburg, Germany (hereinafter called "Assignor"), has made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

PACKAGING FOR SURGICAL SUTURE MATERIAL

for which he has on the            day of            , 2001 executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon, Inc., a corporation of the State of New Jersey, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to him moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned, and transferred, and does hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto said Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignor covenants and agrees with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title he warrants unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;



I,

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state I am the registered practitioner for this application and the application identified above is the application that the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration that is being submitted herewith.



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