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**ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION**

In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned,

Name(s) of Inventor(s) Jason C. Brooke  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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maker(s) of an invention which is the subject of an application for Letters Patent of the United States ("Application") entitled

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Date of signing of Application by each Inventor Which has been executed by the undersigned on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

Application Information For which an application for a United States Patent was filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Application Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s), and set(s) over to

Name of Assignee Hill-Rom Services, Inc.

Address of principal place of business 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 530  
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Insert State of Incorporation (if applicable ) or "Not Applicable" a corporation of Delaware

(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) their entire right, title and interest in, to and under the Application, including all priority rights for other countries arising therefrom, all inventions therein disclosed, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and of all other countries, which may be granted for such inventions, or any of them, all such inventions and all rights in such Application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by Assignee for its own use and enjoyment to the full end of the term or terms for which such Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by them had this assignment and sale not been made.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application(s) in the United States and foreign countries and any continuing, divisional, or reissue applications thereof, and any reexamination of any of such applications, and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared or litigation concerning the application(s) or continuation, division, reissue or reexamination thereof, and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such Interference or litigation.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers and documents and perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this assignment at MILL-RON  
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Jason C. Brooke  
Inventor (Signature)  
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Jason C. Brooke  
Inventor (Printed Name)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON ) SS:

Acknowledged before me, a Notary Public, within and for said County and State. Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this 29th day of March, 2001.

William C. Hanna  
Notary Public  
WILLIAM C. HANNA  
Printed Name

My Commission Expires: 10/26/10 Resident of Dorchester County.

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