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For receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned agree(s) to assign, and hereby do(es) assign, transfer and set over to:

- (9) *Insert name of Assignee* (9) Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.
- (10) *Insert state of incorporation of Assignee* (10) California
- (11) *Insert address of Assignee* (11) of 3200 Lakeside Drive, Santa Clara, California 95052
(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the entire worldwide right, title and interest in the invention known as
- (12) *Insert Identification of Invention, such as Title, Case Number or Foreign Application Number* (12) A STENT MOUNTING DEVICE AND A METHOD OF USING THE SAME TO COAT A STENT
(Case No. 50623.00052, Serial No. Unknown) for which the undersigned has executed an application for patent in United States of America
- (13) *Insert Date of Signing of Application* (13) on May 24, 2001

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

3) 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.

4) The undersigned agree(s) to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain a grant of a valid United States patent to the Assignee.

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6) *The undersigned hereby grant(s)*

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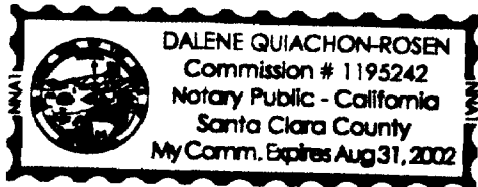
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) ss.

COUNTY OF Santa Clara

On May 24, 2001 before me, Dalene Quiachon-Rosen, Notary Public, personally appeared Plaridel K. Villareal, 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 executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal



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