



To the  
Please record 101764271

and Trademarks:  
(s) or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):  
Kevin W. Smith

6-22-01

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: SciMed Life Systems, Inc.

Internal Address: Mail Stop A150

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies)  
attached?  Yes  No

Street Address: One SciMed Place

3. Nature of conveyance:  
 Assignment  Merger  
 Security Agreement  Change of Name  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

City: Maple Grove State: Minnesota ZIP: 55311-1566

Execution Date: June 15, 2001

Additional name(s) & addresses attached?  
 Yes  No

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

A. Patent Application No.(s)  
09/716,710

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached?  Yes  No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence  
concerning document should be mailed:

Name: CROMPTON, SEAGER & TUFTE, LLC

Address: 331 Second Avenue South, Suite 895  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

6. Total number of applications and patents  
involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41). . . \$40.00  
 Enclosed  
 Authorized to be charged to deposit  
account

8. Deposit Account Number: 50-0413  
(Attach duplicate copy of this page if  
paying by deposit account)

RECEIVED STON1 00000213 09716710

JUN 20 2001

40.00 00

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

David M. Crompton  
Name of Person Signing

David M. Crompton  
Signature

6/19/01  
Date

Total number of pages comprising cover sheet, attachments and document: 3

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Kevin W. Smith, residing at 570 Arvida Parkway, Coral Gables, Florida 33156, has made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which he has executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, which is entitled ENDOSCOPIC INSTRUMENT SYSTEM HAVING REDUCED BACKLASH CONTROL WIRE ACTION, filed on November 20, 2000 as U.S. Application Serial No. 09/716,710;

AND WHEREAS, SciMed Life Systems, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Minnesota, and having a business address of One SciMed Place, Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311-1566, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements, application, and Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said SciMed Life Systems, Inc., its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest for all countries in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the said application, all divisions, continuations, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and in and to any and all applications which shall be filed in any foreign countries for Letters Patent on the said inventions and improvements, including an assignment of all rights under the provisions of the International Convention, and all Letters Patent of foreign countries which may be granted therefrom; and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid inventions and improvements to said SciMed Life Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns.

AND, for the consideration aforesaid, I do hereby agree that my executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing including any other documents, and will communicate to said SciMed Life Systems, Inc., its successors and representatives all facts known to me relating to said improvements and the history thereof and will testify in all legal proceedings and generally do all things which may be necessary or desirable to more effectually secure to and vest in SciMed Life Systems, Inc., its successors or assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements, inventions, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned and conveyed, or intended so to be.

AND, furthermore, I, Kevin W. Smith, covenant and agree with said SciMed Life Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns, that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by me and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by me.

