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In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

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hereby sells, assigns and transfers to

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and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and its territorial possessions, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled **DOUBLE Z-DRIVE TISSUE ARRAY INSTRUMENT**, and which is found in U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/811,963 filed March 19, 2001, (I hereby authorize and request my attorneys PENDORF & CUTLIFF of P.O. Box 20445, Tampa, Florida 33622-0445, to insert the application number and filing date of said application when known) or any continuation, divisional, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue or re-examination thereof, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns; and we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the ASSIGNEE in connection with the United States application when called upon to do so by the Assignee;

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Date: March 15, 2001

Stephen B. Leighton

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On this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, before me personally came the above named \_\_\_\_\_ who executed the foregoing Assignment, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes set forth therein. He is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and did take an oath.

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