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

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ASSIGNMENT

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WHEREAS, CHARLES H. PUGSLEY of 31 Clark Circle, Pelham, New Hampshire 03076 and JOSEPH A. LEVENDUSKY OF 34 Nashua Road, Groton, Massachusetts 01450 (hereinafter "ASSIGNORS") are the owners of the entire right title and interest in and to a U.S. patent application entitled: IMPERMANENT BIOCOMPATIBLE FASTENER, filed herewith, and of the invention therein described and claimed.

WHEREAS: SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC., a Minnesota corporation having a usual place of business at One Scimed Place, Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311-1566 (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring and ASSIGNORS are willing to convey their entire right, title and interest in and to said application and said invention, both in the United States and in all foreign countries, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof which are hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS have sold, assigned, and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, and set over onto said ASSIGNEE, and said ASSIGNEE'S legal representatives, successors and assigns their entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and all divisions, substitutions, continuations, renewals and reissues thereof and the Letters Patent thereof, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue thereon including the right to claim in respect of any subsequent corresponding foreign patent applications and patents, the priority date of said application under any international convention or treaty; and ASSIGNORS do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the above mentioned ASSIGNEE, agreeably with the terms of this Agreement.

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, ASSIGNORS do hereby covenant and agree with the said ASSIGNEE that they will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that they will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the said ASSIGNEE, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the ASSIGNEE'S enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, substituted, renewed, divisional, reissued, or extended Letters Patent of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the assigns and legal representatives of all parties hereto.

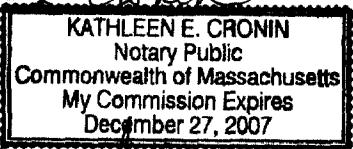
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of

August, 2001.

[Signature]
JOSEPH A. LEVENDUSKY

State of Massachusetts)
County of Middlesex)

On this 21st day of August, 2001, before me personally appeared Joseph A. Levendusky to me known to be the person described in the foregoing Assignment, who acknowledged that he executed the foregoing Assignment of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Kathleen E. Cronin
Notary Public 

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CHARLES H. PUGSLEY

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