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- 1) Anthony A. Nobles
- 2) Steven E. Decker
- 3) Rod T. Peterson
- 4) Chad W. Trembath

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

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

Name: STERILIS, INC.

Internal Address:

Street Address: 17080 Newhope Street

City: Fountain Valley State: California ZIP: 92708

Additional name(s) of receiving party(ies) attached?

( ) Yes (X) No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- (X) Assignment
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- 1) October 17, 2001
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Filing Date: June 14, 2001( ) Patent No.:  
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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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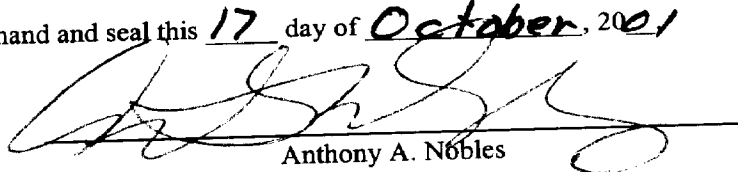
WHEREAS, We, Anthony A. Nobles, a United States citizen, residing at 8686 Tern Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708; Steven E. Decker, a United States citizen, residing at 1295 N. Amelia Street, Anaheim, CA 92807; Rod T. Peterson, a United States citizen, residing at 8611 E. Whitewater #239, Anaheim, CA 92808 and Chad W. Trembath, a United States citizen, residing at 7450 Flying Cloud Drive #150, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a SUTURING METHOD AND APPARATUS for which we have filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, on June 14, 2001, Serial No. 09/882,821;

AND WHEREAS, STERILIS, INC. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a California Corporation, with its principal place of business at 17080 Newhope Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 17 day of October, 2001

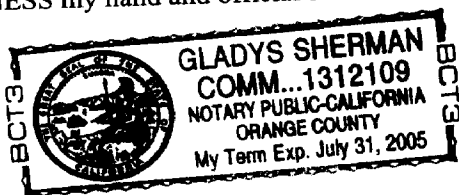
  
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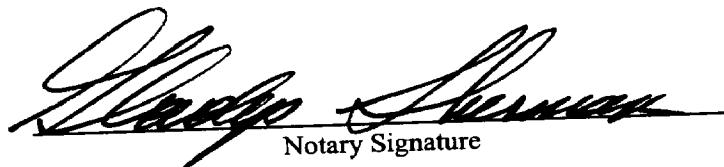
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On 10-17-01, before me, Gladys Sherman, personally appeared Anthony A. Nobles, ~~personally known to me~~ (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity(ies), and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

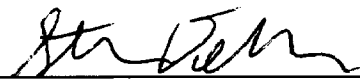
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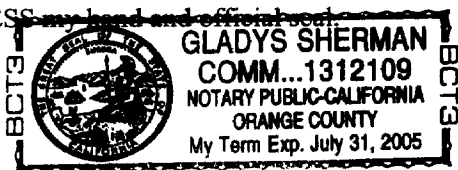
  
Steven E. Decker

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On 10-17-01, before me, Gladys Sherman, personally appeared Steven E. Decker, ~~personally known to me~~ (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity(ies), and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

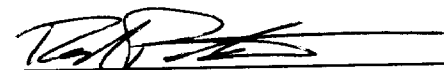
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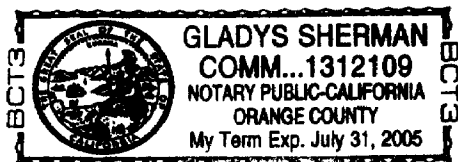
  
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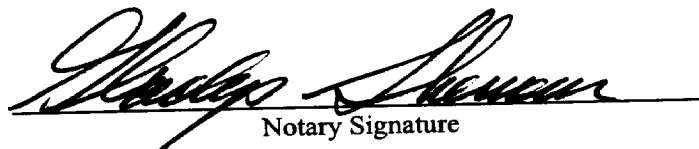
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On 10-17-01, before me, Gladys Sherman personally appeared Rod T. Peterson ~~personally known to me~~ (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity(ies), and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.

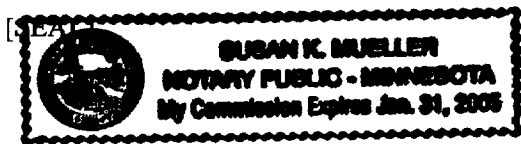
Chad W. Trembath

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STATE OF Minnesota  
COUNTY OF Hennepin ] ss.

On Oct. 25, 2001, before me, Susan K. Mueller, personally appeared Chad W. Trembath personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity(ies), and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Susan K. Mueller

Notary Signature