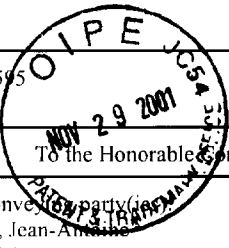


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WHEREAS Mr. BERNARD Jean-Antoine, a citizen of FRANCE, whose post office address is 1 rue Sheffer, F 75116 PARIS, FRANCE, and Mr. Klap Patrick, a citizen of FRANCE, whose post office address is 39 Av. Mozart, F 75116 PARIS, FRANCE Hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNORS, have invented a certain improvement relating to a Patent Application entitled : "Splint for Surgery of lacrimal passages"

for which they have filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 11, 2001 ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request their attorney, Neil F. Greenblum or James L. Rowland, of Greenblum & Bernstein, P.L.C., 1941 Roland Clarke Place, Reston, Virginia 22091, to insert here in parentheses (Application No. 09/950,553) the number of said application, when known.

AND WHEREAS, FRANCE CHIRURGIE INSTRUMENTATION, F.C.I., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of FRANCE, whose post-office address is 20 Boulevard Gallieni, 92130 ISSY, LES MOULI hereinafter known as the ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the NEAUX, entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to FRANCE said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof.

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