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No. and filing date (if
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(herein called "THE UNDERSIGNED") have made an invention and have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on _____ for this invention, which application is entitled SURGICAL INSTRUMENT and which has been given Serial Number _____ and the filing date of 1 October 2001;

Name of Corporation

AND WHEREAS ERBE ELEKTROMEDIZIN GMBH (herein called "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized under the laws of Germany, and having an office and place of business at Waldhörnlestrasse 17, 72072 Tübingen, Federal Republic of Germany

State or Country of
Incorporation and Address

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