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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Steven D. Kruse of 6800 West Old Shakopee Road #322, Bloomington, Minnesota 55438 and Chad Q. Cai of 1656 Colby Lake Drive, Woodbury, Minnesota 55125, have invented certain new and useful improvements in FATIGUE TEST FOR PROSTHETIC STENT, for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States is being made, and which may be identified in the United States Patent Office by Application No. _____, filed _____.

WHEREAS, St. Jude Medical, Inc. ("Assignee"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having its principal offices at One Lillehei Plaza, St. Paul, Minnesota 55117, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to us in hand paid by said Assignee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said provisional/utility application, all applications claiming priority to said provisional/utility application including all divisions, continuations or renewals thereof, and the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue, therefrom including all reissues or extensions of such patents including all of our rights under the International Convention, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the above mentioned Assignee in accordance herewith.

We hereby authorize the above mentioned Assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to insert in this instrument the date of execution and/or filing date and application number of said application when ascertained.

We further authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent, in its own name if desired, in any and all foreign countries, and additionally to claim the filing date of said United States application and/or otherwise take advantage of the provisions of the International Convention.

Upon said consideration we do hereby covenant and agree with the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, that we will not execute in writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that we or our executors or administrators will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, execute such additional writings and do such additional acts as said Assignee, its successors and assigns, 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, divisional, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or of any

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seal as dated below.

Date: 28 DEC 01

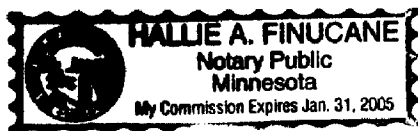
Steven D. Kruse
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 28 day of December, 2001

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