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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, James B. Hissong and Fred B. Dinger, residing at 14167 Hampton Falls Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32224 and 8740 Hampshire Glen Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Methods of Tongue Reduction By Thermal Ablation Using High Intensity Focused Ultrasound, for which for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on January 19, 2000 and assigned Serial No. 09/487,707.

WHEREAS, Medtronic Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, having a place of business at 6743 Southpoint Drive, North, Jacksonville, Florida 32216, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable considerations, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto Medtronic Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., the full and exclusive right to said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent and Trademark Office officials in the United States and in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Medtronic Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., as the assignee of the entire interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behalf of Medtronic Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., its successors and assigns.

FURTHER, we agree that we will communicate to Medtronic Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., or its representatives, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to Medtronic Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Medtronic Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

On this <u>24+5</u> day of <u>april</u>, 2000, personally appeared before me the above named pusous to me known and known to me to be the people described in, and who executed, the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

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My Commission Expires: CHRISTINE M. FLASCHI

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WITH AND INTO "MEDTRONIC XOMED SURGICAL PRODUCTS, INC."

UNDER THE NAME OF "MEDTRONIC XOMED, INC.", A CORPORATION

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AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF

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AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AFORESAID CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP IS THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2001.

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