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WHEREAS, Hans-Jochen Hoepffner and Jorn Lehe, residing at 41 Matthews Farm Road, Belle Mead, NJ 08502 and Willerstwiete 15, 22415 Hamburg, Germany, respectively (hereinafter called "Assignors"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

Surgical Needle for Implanting a Tape

for which they have on the // the day of May , 2001 executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon GmbH, a corporation of Germany, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, ${f BE}$ IT KNOWN that for and consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to them moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee their entire right, title and interest in and to all said inventions discoveries disclosed in said application identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this Assignment and sale had not been made:

And Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this day of , 2001

Jorn Lehe

STATE OF)) ss. COUNTY OF)

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this day of 200 , before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Jorn Lehe, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

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