04-02-2002 Form PTO-1595 U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office To the Assistant C original documents or copy thereof. 22-21 1. Name of conveying party(ies) JC13 Hec 0 PCT/PTO 22 JAN 2002 Michael Norman COLLINS SMITHS GROUP PLC 765 Finchley Road Addit'l name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? [] Yes [X] No London, NW11 8DS **ENGLAND** 3. Nature of conveyance: [X] Assignment [] Merger Addit'l, name(s) & address(es) attached? [] Yes [X] No. [] Security Agreement [] Change of name ○ Other Execution Date: January 14, 2002 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: January 22, 2002 Α. Patent Application No.(s) Patent No.(s) 10,031608 Additional numbers attached? [] Yes [X] No Total number of applications and patents involved [1] 6. 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Louis Woo, Esq. 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$40.00 [X] Enclosed Law Offices of Louis Woo Authorized to be charged to deposit account 1901 N. Fort Myer Drive [X] Charge deficiencies/credit overpayments to Deposit Suite 501 Account 50-0501 Arlington State: VA Zip: 22209 Deposit Account No: 50-0501 8. (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account) DO NOT USE THIS SPACE Statement and signature. 9. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. \_\_\_\_ Date: Jan 22 2002 Total number of pages comprising cover sheet: [2] Louis Woo Reg. No. 31,730 Do not detach this portion Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks **Box Assignments** Washington, D.C. 20231 Public burden reporting for this sample cover sheet is estimated to average about 30 minutes per document to be recorded, including time for reviewing the document and gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the sample cover sheet. Send comments regarding this burden estimate to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Information Systems, PK2-1000C, Washington, D.C. 20231, and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0651-0011), Washington, D.C. 20503.

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## **ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS I, MICHAEL NORMAN COLLINS, a UK citizen of Hollydene, Canterbury Road, Lyminge, Folkestone, Kent CT18 8HD, England am the inventor of certain new and useful improvements in an invention Medico-Surgical Tube for which an application is about to be made for Letters Patent of the United States on an application executed on even date herewith;

AND WHEREAS SMITHS GROUP PLC, a company organized under the laws of Great Britain, located and doing business at 765 Finchley Road, London, NW11 8DS, England (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring an interest in said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all reissues, divisions, continuations, substitutions and renewals thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged I, MICHAEL NORMAN COLLINS, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, all my right, title and interest in and to said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and the all my right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions, renewals and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said U.S. application such that any such Letters Patent are held by said ASSIGNEE.

I hereby authorize and request the Patent Trademark Office officials in the United States and its territorial possessions to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of my entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use and behoof of the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

FURTHER, I agree that I will communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitute, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand as follows:

Date 3Numer 14, 2002

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