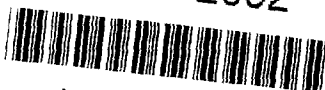


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WHEREAS, the undersigned, **DAVID L. SCHALLIOL**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 4611 Circle Drive, Oakwood, GA 30566, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Assignor") has invented certain inventions and improvements disclosed in an application for Letters Patent entitled **SURGICAL INSTRUMENT HOLDER**, which application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 21, 2001, under application Serial No. 09/989,174.

WHEREAS, **NABIL L. MUHANNA, M.D.**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 2128 Valley Road, Gainesville, GA 30501, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor, by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto **NABIL L. MUHANNA, M.D.**, the full, exclusive and entire right, title and interest: (i) in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed and described in said application, (ii) in and to said application, (iii) in and to any divisional, continuation, and continuation-in-part applications describing in whole or in part the said inventions and improvements, preparatory to obtaining Patents of the United States therefor, (iv) in and to any reissues of the aforementioned, (v) in and to any provisional patent applications filed in the United States describing in whole or in part the said inventions and improvements, from which priority may be claimed under Title 35 of the United States Code, and (vi) in and to the right to claim any applicable foreign and domestic priority rights arising from such provisional patent applications; and Assignors do hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Patents of the United States resulting from said application, or from a division, continuation, continuation-in-part, or reissue thereof, to **NABIL L. MUHANNA, M.D.** as Assignee, for its interest and for the sole use and behoof of **NABIL L. MUHANNA, M.D.** and its assigns and legal representatives.

For the same consideration, Assignor by these presence does sell, assign and transfer to **NABIL L. MUHANNA, M.D.** the full, exclusive and entire right, title and interest in and to any foreign application or applications corresponding to said application, in whole or in part, in countries other than the United States, in and to any Patents and similar protective rights granted on said foreign application, and in and to the right to claim any applicable priority rights arising from or required for said foreign application under the terms of any applicable conventions, treaties, statutes, or regulations; said foreign applications to be filed and issued in the name of **NABIL L. MUHANNA, M.D.** and or its respective designees, insofar as permitted by applicable law.

AND, for the same consideration, Assignor does hereby agree to sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and other applications, make all assignments and rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid **NABIL L. MUHANNA, M.D.** its successors, assigns, and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for all said inventions and improvements in all countries throughout the world.


DAVID L. SCHALLIOL


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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, on this 5th day of March, 2002, personally appeared **David L. Schalliol**, known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment, who being duly sworn acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said Assignment as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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