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Name: Atricure Inc.

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

## 3. Nature of conveyance:

- ☒ Assignment ☐ Merger
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Street Address: 6033 Schumacher Park Drive

City: West Chester State: Ohio Zip: 45069

Execution Date: March 1, 2002

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## 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): 10/015,476, filed December 13, 2001

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## 6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

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### **ASSIGNMENT**

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Michael D. Hooven (hereinafter referred to as Assignors) assign to ATRICURE INC. (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), a Ohio corporation, having a principal place of business at 6033 Schumacher Park Drive, West Chester, Ohio 45069, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world (1) in Assignors' invention in SUB-XYPHOID METHOD FOR ABLATING CARDIAC TISSUE, as described in the Patent Application Serial No. 10/015,476 for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, and filed on December 13, 2001, and (2) in any and all other United States applications, regular and provisional, and applications in any and all countries which Assignors may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention, (3) in any and all Letters Patent of the United States or of any other country which may be obtained on any of the said applications, (4) in any division, continuation, reexamination, reissue or extension of any of the foregoing, and (5) if any above United States application is provisional, in any regular application referring thereto pursuant to 35 USC 119(e) or other internal priority legislation.

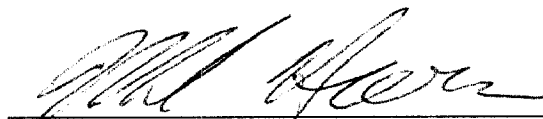
Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent on said invention or improvement to ATRICURE INC..

Assignors warrant that they are the owners of the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and patent application herein assigned and have the right to make this assignment; and further warrant that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other rights whatsoever in the interest herein assigned.

Assignors hereby agree upon the request and at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to execute any and all regular, divisional, continuation, and renewal applications for said invention, and any necessary oath or supplemental oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application that said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns may deem necessary or expedient.

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Michael D. Hooven

Date 3/1/02

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