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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, **Kazuaki Inukai**, a citizen of Japan, a resident of 27-7, Sendagaya 5-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0051 Japan, **Susumu Miyasaka**, a citizen of Japan, a resident of 27-7, Sendagaya 5-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0051 Japan, **Kazuhiro Abe**, a citizen of Japan, a resident of 27-7, Sendagaya 5-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0051 Japan, **Hideyuki Makino**, a citizen of Japan, a resident of 27-7, Sendagaya 5-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0051 Japan, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **SEALABLE ACCESS STOPCOCK**, for which We filed the International application for a letter of patent was filed on November 29, 1999 with International Application No. **PCT/JP99/06633** and an application for entering the national stage of the United States of America under 35 U.S.C. 371 (c) is attached herewith;

AND WHEREAS, **Nippon Sherwood Medical Industries, Ltd.** (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Japanese corporation, with its principal place of business at 27-7, Sendagaya 5-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0051 Japan, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in the receipt of valuable consideration which is hereby acknowledged, We, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that We have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that We will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

This 20th day of May 2002

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