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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Alternative Valve Therapies, Incorporated (hereafter, "AVT"), a Delaware corporation having an address at 1001 North Street, White Plains, New York 10605, , holds the entire right, title and interest in and to an invention entitled "METHOD AND DEVICES FOR DECREASING ELEVATED PULMONARY VENOUS PRESSURE" as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/813,182, filed March 20, 2001, in the United States provisional application, Serial No. 60/228,574 filed August 29, 2000, and in International Patent Application No. PCT/US01/41766, filed August 17, 2001; and

WHEREAS, VenPro Corporation, a Delaware corporation having an address at 2 Jenner, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92618 (hereafter, "VenPro"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said provisional application, United States non-provisional patent application, International Patent Application, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that the said AVT, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to it in hand paid by said VenPro, and other valuable considerations unto it moving from said VenPro, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents does sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said VenPro, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention entitled "METHOD AND DEVICES FOR DECREASING ELEVATED PULMONARY VENOUS PRESSURE" as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/813,182, filed March 20, 2001, in the United States provisional application, Serial No. 60/228,574 filed August 29, 2000, and in International Patent Application No. PCT/US01/41766, filed August 17, 2001, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements including all priority rights, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

AND, the said AVT does hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said VenPro, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said VenPro, its successors and assigns;

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AND, the said AVT, for the considerations aforesaid, does hereby covenant and agree to and with said VenPro, its successors and assigns, that it has the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that AVT, its executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents which, in the opinion of counsel for said VenPro, its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said VenPro, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges, and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that it will sign any applications for reissue which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patents which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, Dr. Alexander Shaknovich and Emery Stephens, as executive officers and representatives of AVT, have hereunto set our hands and seals on the date below written.

Alternative Valve Therapy, Inc. by Dr. Alexander Shaknovich

STATE OF NEW YORK ) : ss.:

BE IT KNOWN, that on this 22 day of  $\sqrt{}$ , 2002, before me personally came Dr. Alexander Shaknovich, to me known and known to me to be the person mentioned in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the use and purposes therein mentioned.

DOUGLAS M. MOREA
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 02MO5004243
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Alternative Valve Therapy, Inc. by: Emery Stephens

STATE OF NEW YORK )
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BE IT KNOWN, that on this <u>77</u>-day of <u>fuly</u>, 2002, before me personally came Emery Stephens, to me known and known to me to be the person mentioned in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the use and purposes therein mentioned.

Douglas M. Moren-Notary Public

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