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## ASSIGNMENT

Serial No.: 10/184,042  
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WHEREAS, THOMAS P. RYAN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 16 Fieldstone Place, Flemington, New Jersey 08822 (hereinafter called "Assignor"), has collaborated with his co-inventor DAVID G. REED, to make certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to a HELICAL DEVICE AND METHOD FOR AIDING THE ABLATION AND ASSESSMENT OF TISSUE, for which a United States patent application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 27, 2002 under Serial No. 10/184,042.

WHEREAS, ETHICON, INC., a corporation formed under the laws of the State of New Jersey, having a place of business at U.S. Route 22 West, Somerville, New Jersey 08876, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignor's entire right, title, and interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to him moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned, and transferred, and does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee his entire right, title and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignor covenants and agrees with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignor further covenants and agrees that he will, whenever requested, but without cost to him promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to him relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection for the said inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in said Assignee the complete title to the said inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record said title.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of ~~SEPTEMBER~~, 2002




THOMAS P. RYAN

STATE OF *NEW JERSEY*

COUNTY OF *SOMERSET*

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of *September*, 2002, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared THOMAS P. RYAN, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

**ROBERT J. TANNHAUSER**  
Notary Public Of New Jersey  
My Commission Expires 10/18/2004



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