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WHEREAS, We, Franco Vallana of Via S. Massimo, 28, I-10123, Torino, Italy; Giovanni Rolando of Via Nino Costa, 40, I-10034, Chivasso (Torino), Italy; Maria Curcio of Via Ponte Rocca, 31, I-13040, Saluggia (Vercelli), Italy; and Paolo Gaschino of Piazza Carletti, 3, I-10034, Chivasso (Torino), Italy have invented certain new and useful improvements in ANGIOPLASTY STENTS for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States has been made, said application being identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Serial Number 10/198,054, filed July 18, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Sorin Biomedica Cardio S.p.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Italy, and having a business address at Via Crescentino, I-13040 Saluggia (Vercelli) Italy, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to me in hand paid by said Sorin Biomedica Cardio S.p.A., the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Sorin Biomedica Cardio S.p.A., ("Assignee"), its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue, including any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to Letters Patent, any reissue or re-examination thereof, further including all of our entire rights under the International Convention, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the above mentioned assignee in accordance herewith.

We hereby Authorize the above mentioned Assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to insert in this instrument the serial number and filing date of said United States application and/or otherwise take advantage of the provisions of the International Convention.

Upon Said Consideration, we do hereby covenant and agree with Sorin Biomedica Cardio S.p.A., its successors and assigns, that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that we or our executors or administrators will at any time upon request, without further consideration,

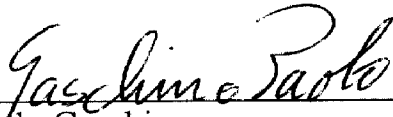
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and affixed our seal as of the date set forth below.

Date October 2, 2002 
Franco Vallana

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Giovanni Rolando

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Maria Curcio

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Paolo Gaschino