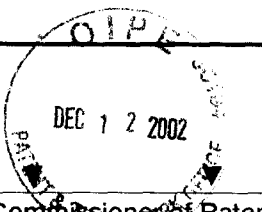


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WHEREAS, Franz Waldeck (hereinafter referred to as the undersigned), residing at Breslauer Strasse 4, D-55268 Nieder-Olm, Germany have invented an improvement in TRACHEOTOMY CANNULA WITH SHIELD PLATE which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 3, 2000 and assigned Serial No. 09/508,066.

WHEREAS, TRACOE Gesellschaft Für Medizinische Bedarfsgegenstände MbH, (hereinafter referred to as the assignee), with a principal place of business at Martin-Böhm-Strasse 12, D-61263 Heu-Isenberg, Germany is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention, said application and all letters patent issuing for said invention,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged by the undersigned, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the assignee and assignee's legal representatives the entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for the foreign countries, in said invention, said patent application and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in all letters patent including all reissues thereof, issuing for said invention.

It is agreed that the undersigned shall be legally bound, upon request of the assignee, to supply all information and evidence relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, to execute all instruments proper to patent the invention in the United States and foreign countries in the name of the assignee, and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument.

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