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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I Kenneth Adams, residing at 10336 Cypress Lakes Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Apparatus and Methods for Straightening Angled Tissue Cutting Instruments for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on September 16, 2002 and assigned Serial No. 10/244,062.

WHEREAS, Medtronic Xomed, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, having a place of business at 6743 Southpoint Drive, North, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable considerations, I have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto Medtronic Xomed, Inc. the full and exclusive right to said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

I hereby authorize and request the Patent and Trademark Office officials in the United States and in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Medtronic Xomed, Inc., as the assignee of the entire interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behalf of Medtronic Xomed, Inc., its successors and assigns.

FURTHER, I agree that I will communicate to Medtronic Xomed, Inc., or its representatives, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to Medtronic Xomed, Inc., make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Medtronic Xomed, Inc., its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand.

1-22-03
Date

Kenneth Adams
Kenneth Adams

On this 22nd day of January, 2003, personally appeared before me the above named Kenneth Adams to me known and known to me to be the person described in, and who executed, the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.



SANDY DEMPSEY
Notary Public, State of Florida
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Sandy Dempsey
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Accepted on behalf of Medtronic Xomed, Inc. by:

Name: Jaime A. Frias Signature *Jaime A. Frias*

Title: Vice President Date: 1/22/03