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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Randall S. Hickle ("Assignor"), an individual having an address at 2404 Topeka Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79407 is the sole owner of the United States Patent 6,186,977 B1, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Total Intravenous Anesthesia Delivery and Associated Patient Monitoring" (hereinafter "The Patent"); and

WHEREAS, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc. ("Assignee"), an Ohio Corporation, having a place of business at 4545 Creek Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to The Patent:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents, does hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto said Assignee, its lawful successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to The Patent, including without limitation of generality, any and all choses in action and any and all claims and demands, both at law and in equity, that said Assignor has or may have for damages or profits accrued or to accrue on account of the infringement of any of said Patents, 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.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal

this day of October 21, 2002.

Randall S. Hickle

Randall S. Hickle

STATE OF Texas

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COUNTY OF Lubbock

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 21st day of October, 2002,

before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Randall S. Hickle, 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.

Vanessa R. Reasoner

Notary Public

