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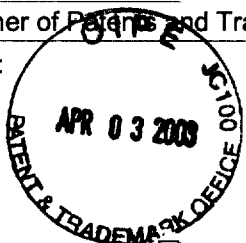
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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please check original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Peter Douglas
Daniel Gordon



Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies) Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Ethicon, Inc.

Address: U.S. Route 22

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State/Prov.: NJ

Country: USA

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Additional name(s) & address(es) Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

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4. Application number(s) or patent numbers(s):

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10/323,540	12/19/2002

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

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Thomas Spinelli

March 31, 2003

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A S S I G N M E N T

Serial No.: 10/323,540
Filed: December 19, 2002

WHEREAS, Peter Douglas and Daniel Gordon (each hereinafter called "Assignor"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to an

ILLUMINATED AND VACUUM ASSISTED RETRACTOR

for which they have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon, Inc., a corporation of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring each 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, each 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 whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, 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 each Assignor if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

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

And for the consideration aforesaid, each 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 he warrants unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, each Assignor further covenants and agrees that he will, whenever requested, but without cost to him promptly communicate to said Assignee or

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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 26 day of MARCH, 2003.

Date 3/26/2003 *Peter Douglas* (L.S.)
Peter Douglas

STATE OF New Jersey)
COUNTY OF Somerset) ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 26 day of March, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Peter Douglas, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and 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.

Ellen E. Orders
Notary Public

ELLEN E. ORDERS
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUG. 23, 2003

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 26 day of March, 2003.

Date 3/26/03 *Daniel Gordon* (L.S.)
Daniel Gordon

STATE OF New Jersey)

COUNTY OF *Somerset*) ss.
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