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ASSIGNMENT

Whereas we, the below named inventors, with residences and citizenships as indicated below; have made an invention in

**Keith Needle for Furlow Insertion Tool**

and have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America based thereon; which application is identified in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/375,800, filed February 26, 2003.

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged we have individually and jointly agreed to assign and transfer and do hereby assign and transfer unto AMS Research Corporation, a corporation of Delaware, having its principal office at 10700 Bren Road West, Minnetonka, Minnesota, 55343 (the "Company") its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any division or continuation (in whole or in part) of said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent, reexaminations, reissues, or extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent, Utility Models, or Inventors' Certificates in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise), which have been or may be granted thereon or on any divisional, continuation (in whole or in part), renewal, reexamination, reissue, or other or further application based in whole or in part upon the said invention, to be held and enjoyed as fully and exclusively as they would have been by us or any of us had this assignment and transfer not been made,

We do further agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors, and administrators, to execute and deliver without further consideration any further applications, assignments, and documents, and to perform such other acts as we lawfully may, that may be deemed necessary by the said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees, fully to secure its right, title, and interest as aforesaid and to obtain or maintain Letters Patent, Utility Models, or Inventors' Certificates in any and all countries;

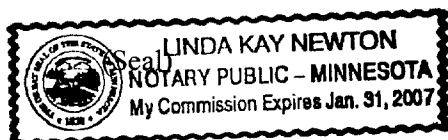
And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted upon any of the said applications, to the said Company, as the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest therein.

*Charles C. Kuyava*

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STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
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On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003, before me personally appeared the above-named Charles C. Kuyava, personally known by me, and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that said person executed the same as said person's free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.



*Linda K. Newton*  
Notary Public

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James Taylor  
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STATE OF Illinois )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Cook )

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2003, before me personally appeared the above-named James Taylor, personally known by me, and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that said person executed the same as said person's free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.



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