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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned,

Name(s) of Inventor(s) Christian H. REINKE
Jonathan D. TURNER and,
Richard H. HEIMBROCK

maker(s) of an invention which is the subject of an application for Letters Patent of the United States ("Application") entitled

Title of Application SIDE AND END BRAKE/STEER MECHANISM FOR STRETCHERS

the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s), and set(s) over to

Name of Assignee HILL-ROM SERVICES, INC.

Address of principal place of business 1069 State Route 46 East
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