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WHEREAS, Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in **MEDICAL DEVICE**, set forth in U.S. Patent application for 10/414,448 filed on April 15, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Nikkiso Co. Ltd., organized under and pursuant to the laws of Japan having its principal place of business at 3-43-2, Ebisu, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-8677, JAPAN (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefore and thereon.

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AND Assignors acknowledge an obligation of assignment of this invention to Assignee at the time the invention was made.

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