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## ASSIGNMENT

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Serial No. 10/615,962

Filed July 9, 2003

WHEREAS, Douglas B. Hoffman, a citizen of the United States, residing at 10140 Baughman Road, Harrison 45030, County of Hamilton, and State of Ohio, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR"), has made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to a SURGICAL STAPLING INSTRUMENT INCORPORATING AN ARTICULATION JOINT FOR A FIRING BAR TRACK, for which he has this day executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon, Inc., a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Ohio, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' 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, 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 Assignees, 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;

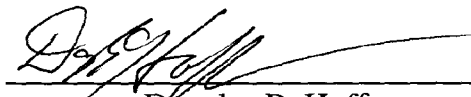
And Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, 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 they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

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

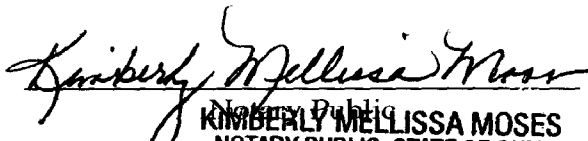
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 18th day  
of September, 2003.

(L.S.)

  
Douglas B. Hoffman

STATE OF Ohio )  
 ) ss:  
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BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 18th day of September,  
2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Douglas B. Hoffman,  
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.

  
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