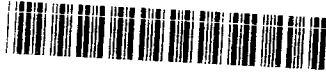


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Kenneth M. Adams and Miro Mitusina, residing at 10336 Cypress Lakes Drive, Jacksonville, Florida, 32256 and 3526 West Shell Point Road, Ruskin, Florida, 33570, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Angled Tissue Cutting Instrument Having Variably Positionable Cutting Window, Indexing Tool for Use Therewith and Method of Variably Positioning a Cutting Window of an Angled Tissue Cutting Instrument, for which a patent application for United States Letters Patent is being filed concurrently herewith and assigned Attorney Docket No. 2401.141.US.

WHEREAS, Medtronic Xomed, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, having a place of business at 6743 Southpoint Drive, North, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216-0980, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable considerations, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto Medtronic Xomed, Inc., the full and exclusive right to said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent and Trademark Office officials in the United States and in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Medtronic Xomed, Inc., as the assignee of the entire interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behalf of Medtronic Xomed, Inc., its successors and assigns.

FURTHER, we agree that we will communicate to Medtronic Xomed, Inc., or its representatives, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to Medtronic Xomed, Inc., make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Medtronic Xomed, Inc., its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand.

1-14-04
Date

K Adams
Kenneth M. Adams

On this 14th day of January, 2004, personally appeared before me the above named Kenneth M. Adams to me known and known to me to be the people described in, and who executed, the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

(SEAL)



SANDY DEMPSEY
Notary Public, State of Florida
My comm. expires April 10, 2005
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Sandy Dempsey
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My Commission Expires: April 10, 2005

01-13-2004
Date

Miro Mitusina
Miro Mitusina

On this 13th day of Jan., 2004, personally appeared before me the above named Miro Mitusina to me known and known to me to be the people described in, and who executed, the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

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Judy D Buchanan
My Commission CC943584
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Accepted on behalf of Medtronic Xomed, Inc. by:

Name: Jaime A. Frias

Signature 

Title: Vice President

Date: January 14, 2004