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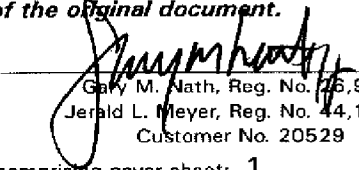
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WHEREAS, MAX HAUSER Süddeutsche Chirurgie-Mechanik GmbH, whose post office address/business address is Ketteler Strasse 4416, 78532 Tuttlingen GERMANY hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNEE, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest for the United States and elsewhere throughout the world in and to said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, all rights of priority under the terms of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof.

NOW, WITNESSETH THIS that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt, adequacy and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNOR(S) hereby assign(s), sell(s) and transfer(s) to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and elsewhere throughout the world, in and to said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, all rights of priority under the terms of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges, and advantages in any way arising from or pertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such Letters Patent when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives, in as ample and as beneficial a manner for all intents and purposes as said ASSIGNOR(S) might or could have held and enjoyed the same had this assignment not been made.

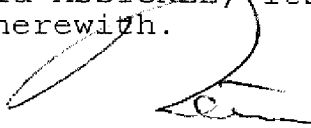
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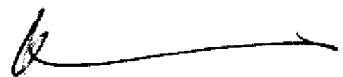
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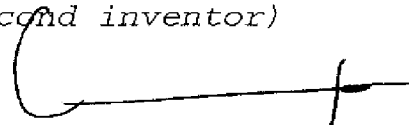
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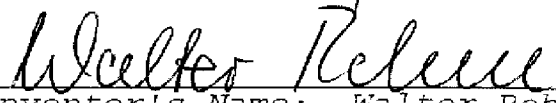
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