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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, *Kenneth Merdan* residing at *8627 Grace Lane, Greenfield, Minnesota 55357*, and *Matt Shedlov* residing at *6140 Ash Street, Rockford, Minnesota 55373* have made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which they have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, which is entitled *INVERTED STENT CUTTING PROCESS* of even date herewith;

AND WHEREAS, *SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC.*, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the *State of Minnesota*, and having a business address of *One SciMed Place, Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311* is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements, application, and Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said *SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC.*, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest for all countries in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the said application, all divisions, continuations, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and in and to any and all applications which shall be filed in any foreign countries for Letters Patent on the said inventions and improvements, including an assignment of all rights under the provisions of the International Convention, and all Letters Patent of foreign countries which may be granted therefrom; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid inventions and improvements to said *SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC.*, its successors and assigns.

AND, for the consideration aforesaid, we do hereby agree that our executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing including any other documents, and will communicate to said *SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC.*, its successors and representatives all facts known to us relating to said improvements and the history thereof and will testify in all legal proceedings and generally do all things which may be necessary or desirable to more effectually secure to and vest in *SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC.*, its successors or assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements, inventions, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned and conveyed, or intended so to be.

AND, furthermore, we, *Kenneth Merdan* and *Matt Shedlov*, covenant and agree with said *SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC.*, its successors and assigns, that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by us and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by us.

