PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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ASSIGNMENT

We, Thomas W. Huitema, a citizen of the United States, residing at 9722 Lupine Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45241-3689, Brian D. Bertke, a citizen of the United States, residing at 416 Rossford Avenue, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075, Dario Vitali, a citizen of the United States, residing at 2611 Saxon Drive, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32169, Robert L. Koch Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at 2515 Byrneside Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45239, and Nicholas G. Molitor, a citizen of the United States, residing at 5875 Menno Drive, Milford, Ohio 45150, in consideration of One Dollar and other valuable consideration paid to us by

ETHICON ENDO-SURGERY, INC.

a corporation of Ohio, having its principal place of business at 4545 Creek Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said

ETHICON ENDO-SURGERY, INC.

its successors and assigns, the entire interest for the United States of America and all foreign countries including all rights of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property in a certain invention or improvement in

SURGICAL CLIP ADVANCEMENT AND ALIGNMENT MECHANISM

described in a U.S. patent application filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office herewith, and in all Letters Patent of the United States and all foreign countries which may or shall be granted on said invention, or any parts thereof, or on said application, or any divisional, continuing, reissue or other applications based in whole or in part thereon. And we agree, for ourselves and our executors and administrators, with said corporation and its successors and assigns but at its or their expense and charges, hereafter to execute all applications, amended specifications, deed or other instrument, and to do all acts necessary or proper to secure the grant of Letters Patent in the United States and in all other countries to said corporation, with specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by the counsel of said corporation and to vest and confirm in said corporation, its successors and assigns, the legal title to all such patents.

And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said application or applications based thereon to said corporation, its successors and assigns.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGES]
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 14th day of April, 2005.

(L.S.)

Thomas W. Huitema

STATE OF Ohio
COUNTY OF Hamilton

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 14th day of April, 2005, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Thomas W. Huitema, 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.

Linda F. Hansen
Notary Public

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 14th day of
April, 2005.

(L.S.)

Brian D. Bertke

STATE OF Ohio )
COUNTY OF Hamilton ) ss:

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 14th day of April, 2005, before me, a Notary Public,
personally appeared Brian D. Bertke, 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.

Linda F. Hansen
Notary Public

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 14th day of April 2005.

(L.S.)

Dario Vitali

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Orange

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 14th day of April 2005, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Dario Vitali, 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.

Jose N Gomez
My Commission DD37125
Expires July 12, 2008
Notary Public

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 14th day of April, 2005.

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Robert L. Koch Jr.

STATE OF Ohio )
COUNTY OF Hamilton ) ss:

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 14th day of April, 2005, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Robert L. Koch Jr., 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.

Linda F. Hansen
Notary Public

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Nicholas G. Molitor

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF HAMILTON

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 14th day of April, 2005, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Nicholas G. Molitor, 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.

LINDA F. HANSEN
Notary Public

Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires
July 11, 2008

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