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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, we, Burns Phillips and Larry Griffith, residents of Tennessee and Minnesota, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in surgical retractor apparatus for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of The United States, which application may be identified in the United States Patent Office as

RETRACTOR BLADE CONNECTOR HEAD

Serial No. 10/264,750 Filing Date: October 4, 2002
and,

WHEREAS, BOSS Instruments Limited, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee and having a place of business at 1838 Elm Hill Pike, Suite 119, Hermitage, Tennessee 37076 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, To All Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said Burns Phillips and Larry Griffith have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said BOSS Instruments Limited its successors and assigns our entire right, title and interest in and to the above mentioned invention and application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent both foreign and domestic which may hereafter be granted therefor, and in and to any and all extensions, continuations, divisions, or reissues of said Letters Patent, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said BOSS Instruments Limited for its own use and behoof, and the use and behoof of its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted.

We hereby authorize the above-mentioned assignee to insert in this instrument the filing date and serial number of our said application.

Upon said consideration, we convey to said assignee the right to make application in its own behalf for protection of said invention in countries foreign to the United States and where expedient to claim under the International Convention or other international arrangements for any such application the date of the said United States application (or other application if any there be) in priority to other applications; and we do hereby covenant and agree with the said assignee that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that we will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the said assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this

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grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuations, renewal, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such application or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seal on the day and year below written in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

Burns P. Phillips
Burns Phillips

Witness:

State of Tennessee)

County of _____)

on this _____ day of _____, 2004, before me personally appeared Burns Phillips to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument; and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

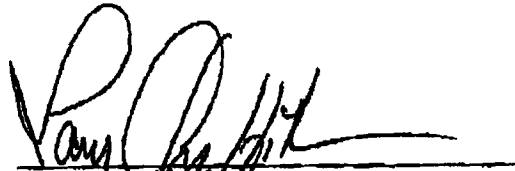
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 Larry Griffith

Witness:

State of Minnesota)

County of Dakota

on this 1 day of October, 2002, before me personally appeared Larry Griffith to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes therein stated.





 Notary Public

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