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11/121415

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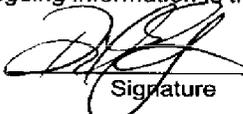
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in

### ENDOSCOPE OPTICS WITH A LATERAL OPTIC-FIBER BUNDLE

that are the subject of an application for a U.S. Patent, (Application No. 11/121415,  
filed 05/04/2005), which application is further identified as Rankin, Hill,  
Porter & Clark LLP Docket No. SCH-16037.

WHEREAS, OLYMPUS WINTER & IBE GMBH, a corporation of Germany, and  
having a place of business at Kuehnstraße 61, 22045 Hamburg, Germany, hereinafter  
referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring all right, title, and interest throughout  
the world in, to, and under said improvements and inventions and patent rights therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that, for valuable consideration, the receipt  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed below by the undersigned:

(1) Inventor Name (sole): Patrick Scherr

Signature: *Patrick Scherr*

Today's Date: 27.04.05

Witness: *Gregor Wickens*

Witness: *Tom Schott*