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EXHIBIT A**ASSIGNMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, effective the 29th day of April, 2003⁵ ("Effective Date"), is by and between HAK Consulting LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Georgia and located at 3250 Ridgewood Road NW, Atlanta, Georgia ("HAK"), and Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc., dba as Guidant Corporation, an Minnesota corporation having a place of business at 4100 Hamline Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota ("Guidant").


1. HAK owns all right, title and interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,717,056, issued April 6, 2004, by assignment from the named inventors, Patrick Rivelli and Harry Kopelman ("Patent").
2. For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, HAK hereby assigns to Guidant all of his right, title and interest in and to the Patent, each invention disclosed and claimed in the Patent, any continuation, continuation-in-part and division of the application that matured into the Patent, any other application that at any time directly or indirectly relied for priority on or contained the same disclosure as any application that directly or indirectly matured into the Patent, all patents directly or indirectly issuing from any of the foregoing applications, any reissue, reexamination or extension of any of the foregoing patents including the Patent, and any other patent or patent application issued or filed anywhere in the world that at any time directly or indirectly relied for priority on or has identical disclosure as the Patent.
4. HAK further assigns to Guidant its interest in all causes of action and associated damages for any and all acts of infringement of the Patent that may have occurred prior to the date of this Assignment.
5. HAK hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and any official of any foreign country whose duty it is to issue patents as described above to record this Assignment and, to the extent it assigns pending applications, to issue all Letters Patent issuing therefrom to Guidant in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.
6. HAK hereby agrees, without further consideration, to communicate with Guidant, any facts known to it respecting the inventions disclosed and claimed in the Patent and any other patent or application subject to this Assignment, and to testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers when called upon to do so, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title in Guidant to the Patent and any other patent or application subject to this Assignment and the invention disclosed and claimed therein, to execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Guidant to obtain and enforce proper patent protection throughout the world for the inventions disclosed and claimed in the Patent, it being understood that any expense incident to the

execution of such papers shall be borne by Guidant.


7. This Assignment and all rights granted herein shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors and assigns of Guidant.
8. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana and of the United States. The sole and official version of this Agreement is in the English language.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party hereto has caused this Agreement to be executed by a duly authorized officer on the dates specified below.

HAK Consulting LLC

By 
Harry A. Kopelman, MD
President
Date April 29, 2005

Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc.

By 
R. Frederick McCoy, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Date 27 APRIL 2005

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