
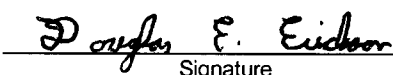


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WHEREAS, Gary L. Long, residing at 3722 Pleasant Street, Cincinnati, OH 45227, Gregory J. Bakos, residing at 6330 Redwood Court, Mason, OH 45040, and Omar J. Vakharia, residing at 5062 Sweet Bay St., Apt. #305, Mason, OH 45040, (hereinafter called "Assignors"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

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for which they have on the 4 day of May, 2005, executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., a corporation of the State of Ohio, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to them moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto said Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that they have a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors further covenant and agree that they will, whenever requested, but without cost to them promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify

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in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection for the said inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in said Assignee the complete title to the said inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record said title.

this 4th day of May, 2005. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have hereunto set their hands and seals

Gary L. Long (L.S.)
Gary L. Long

STATE OF OHIO)
COUNTY OF Hamilton) ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 4 day of May, 2005, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Gary L. Long, 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, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires
July 11, 2008

Linda F. Hansen
Notary Public

Gregory J. Bakos (L.S.)
Gregory J. Bakos

STATE OF OHIO)
COUNTY OF Hamilton) ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 4 day of May, 2005, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Gregory J. Bakos, 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, State of Ohio
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July 11, 2008

Linda F. Hansen
Notary Public
Omar J. Vakharia (L.S.)
Omar J. Vakharia

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF Hamilton) ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 4 day of May, 2005,
before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Omar J. Vakharia, 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.



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