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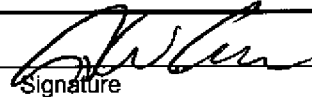
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WHEREAS, we, **Charles S. Taylor**, a citizen of the United States residing at 4380 26th Street, San Francisco, California 94131; **Dwight P. Morejohn**, a citizen of the United States residing at 731 North Campus Way, Davis, California 95616; **Benjamin Sherman**, a citizen of the United States residing at 2146 Seacliff Drive, Milpitas, California 95035; **Gary B. Weller**, a citizen of the United States residing at 15570 El Gato Lane, Los Gatos, California 95032; **William F. Witt**, a citizen of the United States residing at 3809 Carlson Circle, Palo Alto, California 94306; and **Caralin R. Adair**, a citizen of the United States residing at 677 Pettis Avenue, Mountain View, California 94041 (hereinafter referred to collectively as "ASSIGNORS"), have invented and own a certain invention entitled **"SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR STABILIZING THE BEATING HEART DURING CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT SURGERY,"** for which application for Letters Patent of the United States of America was filed on September 16, 1997 as U.S. Serial No. 08/931,158; and

WHEREAS, **CARDIOTHORACIC SYSTEMS, INC.**, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California and having its principal place of business at **10600 North Tantau Avenue, Cupertino, California 95014-0739** (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States of America, its territorial possessions and in any and all countries foreign thereto.

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application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof in any foreign country which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

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WITNESS my hand at Cupertino, Calif, this 15th
day of March, 1998.

Charles S. Taylor
Charles S. Taylor

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) ss.
COUNTY OF S. Clara)

On this 10th day of March, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Charles S. Taylor, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Karen Lee Titus

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Dwight P. Morejohn
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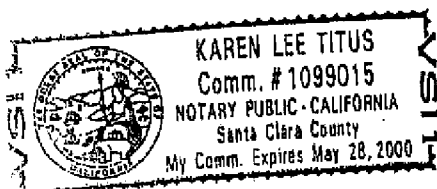
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On this 19th day of Feb, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared **Dwight P. Morejohn**, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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Benjamin Sherman
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On this 4th day of February, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Benjamin Sherman, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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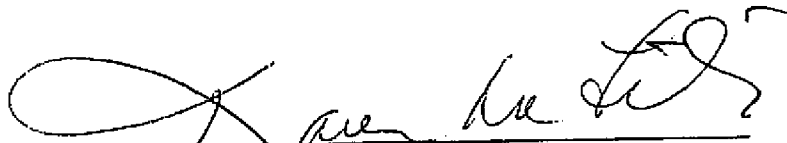


Gary B. Weller

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On this 9th day of Feb, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Gary B. Weller, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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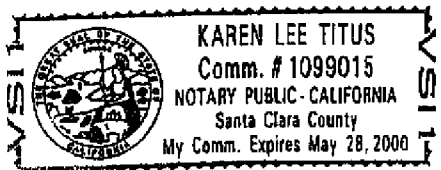
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William F. Witt
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On this 5th day of Feb, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared William F. Witt, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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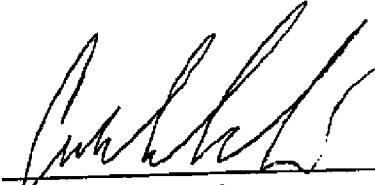


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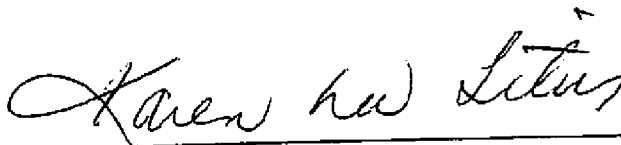
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On this 4th day of Feb, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared **Caralin R. Adair**, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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