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For value received, I, Brian K. Rucker, Ph.D. residing at 1148 Luke Street, King, North Carolina 27021, U.S.A., hereby sell, assign, and transfer to **Wilson-Cook Medical Inc.**, a corporation of the State of North Carolina, having an office at 4900 Bethania Station Road, Winston-Salem, NC, 27105, U.S.A., and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, hereinafter collectively "Cook," the entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, in and to certain inventions related to "Self Contracting Stent" described in U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/651,028, filed on February 8, 2005, and any and all applications claiming the benefit thereof including the right of priority, and described in U.S. Nonprovisional Application Serial No. 11/348,278 filed on February 6, 2006, and all the rights and privileges in said applications and under any and all Letters Patent or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and any reissue or re-examination thereof that may be granted in the United States for said inventions; and we also concurrently hereby sell, assign and transfer to Cook the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions for all countries foreign to the United States, including all rights of priority arising from the applications aforesaid, and all the rights and privileges under any and all forms of protection, including Letters Patent, that may be granted in said countries foreign to the United States for said inventions.

I authorize Cook to make application for such protection in its own name and maintain such protection in any and all countries foreign to the United States, and to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions, without further authorization from us, any and all benefits, including the right of priority provided by any and all treaties, conventions, or agreements.

I hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any document which may be required in any country in proof of the right of Cook to apply for patent or other form of protection for said inventions and to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority.

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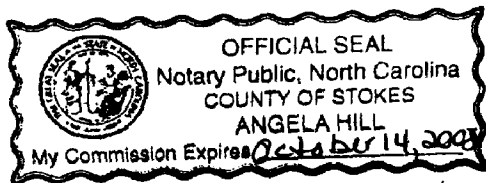
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I, Angela Hill, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that BRIAN K. RUCKER, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

14th day of April, 2006. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this



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