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For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we the undersigned hereby:

1. Sell, assign and transfer to Sorin Group Deutschland GmbH, a German corporation having a place of business at Lindberghstrasse 25, D-80939 München, Germany, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, all hereinafter referred to as the Assignee, my entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all inventions and designs which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 14, 2006 under U.S. Application No. 10/586,060, bearing Attorney Docket No. H0075.70113US00, which is the U.S. national phase of International Application No. PCT/EP2005/000536 having an international filing date of January 20, 2005 entitled AUTOMATIC AIR REMOVAL SYSTEM, and in and to said application and all non-provisional, divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for Letters Patent, utility models, industrial designs or similar intellectual property rights which have been or shall be filed in the United States, internationally, and in any foreign country on any of said inventions; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States or any other jurisdiction on said inventions, including the right to apply for patent rights in each foreign country and all rights to priority;
2. Agree that said Assignee may apply for and receive Letters Patent and utility model and industrial design registrations for said inventions in its own name; and when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said Assignee, I agree to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, by executing all non-provisional, divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent, utility model and industrial design applications on any and all said inventions, by executing all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers, by communicating to said Assignee all facts known to me relating to said inventions and the history thereof, and generally by doing everything reasonably possible which said Assignee shall consider desirable for aiding in securing and maintaining proper protection for said inventions and for vesting title to said inventions and all applications for patents and all patents on said inventions, in said Assignee;
3. Request the Honorable Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to issue said Letters Patent to said Assignee;
4. Authorize and request Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, P.C. to supply any missing patent/application identification information or correct any errors in the patent/application identification information provided above, whether discovered prior to or after recordation;
5. Covenant with said Assignee that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by me and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by me; and
6. Appoint Assignee, through its designee, my attorney-in-fact to execute, in my name and on my behalf, any and all documents required to effectuate this Assignment, specifically including, but not limited to, those documents specified above and any necessary corrective assignments.

12-17-2006
Date

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12-18-2006
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Erwin Knott
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12-21-2006
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