

PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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CONVEYING PARTY DATA

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| Smith & Nephew, Inc. | 11/08/2007 |

RECEIVING PARTY DATA

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| Street Address: | 4545 Creek Road |
| City: | Cincinnati |
| State/Country: | OHIO |
| Postal Code: | 45242 |

PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 1

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| Patent Number: | 6042573 |

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WHEREAS, Smith & Nephew, Inc. ("Assignor"), a Delaware Corporation, having a place of business at 1450 Brooks Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38116 is the sole owner of the United States Letters Patent Number 6,042,573 titled "Surgical Valve" and its foreign counterparts listed in Schedule 1 (the "Patents"); and

WHEREAS, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Ohio, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest in the Patents;

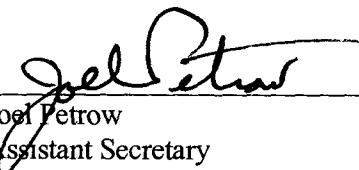
WHEREAS, Assignor and Assignee intended to transfer the Patents as part of an asset purchase agreement on or about November 8, 2005:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged said Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the Patents, and in and to all substitutions, divisions, continuations, extensions, renewals and reissues thereof, including without limitation of generality, any and all choses in action and any and all claims and demands, both at law and in equity, that said Assignor has or may have for damages or profits accrued or to accrue on account of the infringement of any of said Patents, 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 Assignor if this Assignment and sale had not been made.

FURTHER, BE IT KNOWN, that this assignment will be effective *nunc pro tunc* as of November 8, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has caused this Assignment to be signed by its duly authorized officer and attested by its Assistant Secretary and its corporate seal to be affixed on this 8th day of November 2007.

Smith & Nephew, Inc.

By: 
Joel Petrow
Assistant Secretary

Date: 8 November 2007

STATE OF TENNESSEE:

COUNTY OF SHELBY:

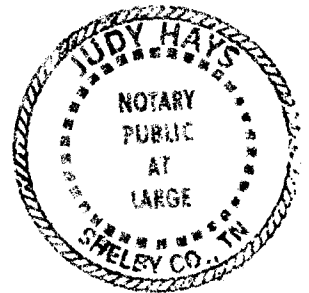
BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 8th day of November 2007, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of Tennessee, personally appeared Joel Petrow, who being by me duly sworn did depose and make proof to my satisfaction that he well knows the corporate seal of SMITH & NEPHEW, INC., the corporation named in and which executed the foregoing Assignment; that the seal thereto affixed is the proper corporate seal of the said corporation; that the same was so affixed thereto and the said Assignment signed and delivered by Joel Petrow, who was at the date of execution thereof Assistant Secretary of said corporation, in the presence of the said deponent, as the voluntary act and deed of the said corporation, and that the said deponent thereupon signed the same as subscribing witness.

Subscribed and sworn before me at Memphis, Tennessee on the date aforesaid.

Judy Hays
Judy Hays, Notary Public

(Seal)

**My Commission Expires
February 12, 2008**



Schedule 1

Patents

AT259189
AU199917124
AU734171B2
CA2313113
DE69821648
EP1037566
JP2002508195
US6042573
WO1999029250