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**ASSIGNMENT
APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT**

WHEREAS, **Bernd HILLENBRAND** of **Albstadt, GERMANY**, **Kai Uwe HAUG** of **Nusplingen, GERMANY**, **Timo KAAS**, of **Ballingen, GERMANY**, **Fred SCHNEIDER** of **Tübingen, GERMANY** and **Roland WÄSCHLE** of **Bisingen, GERMANY**, hereinafter referred to as the Assignor, has invented a certain improvement relating to a **CLAMPING DEVICE FOR NEEDLES**, for which said Assignor has caused an application for United States Letters Patent to be prepared,

- the inventors' declaration for said application being executed concurrently with the execution of this instrument, said application to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or
- said application having been filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on **July 21, 2008**, as U.S. Application Serial No. **12/219,332**; and

WHEREAS, **GROZ-BECKERT KG, Parkweg 2, 72458 Albstadt, Germany**, hereinafter referred to as the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof;

NOW THIS WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration paid by said Assignee to said Assignor, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said Assignor hereby assigns, sells, and transfers to said Assignee, and said Assignee's successors and assigns, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof; said Assignee, and said Assignee's successors and assigns, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said application, including any all divisions and continuations thereof, and the said invention and any all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges and advantages in anywise arising from or appertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such patents when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said Assignee, and said Assignee's successors and assigns, in as ample and beneficial a manner as the said Assignor might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this Assignment had not been made; AND

said Assignor hereby agrees to perform, upon the request of said assignee, or said Assignee's successors or assigns, any and all acts relating to the obtaining or to the asserting of said patents, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof;

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said Assignor hereby authorizes Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery of the above address to insert hereon any further identification necessary or desirable for recordation of this document.

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