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WHEREAS, we, Juergen A. Kortenbach, Robert Sixto, Jr. and Kevin W. Smith, hereinafter referred to as the "Inventors", citizens of Canada, the US and the US respectively, whose post office addresses are respectively,

122 Pinecrest Drive, Miami Springs, FL 33166; 8235 SW 99th Street, Miami, FL 33156; and 570 Arvida Parkway, Coral Gables, FL 33156

have invented certain new and useful improvements in

METHODS FOR THE SURGICAL APPLICATION OF A FASTENER AND THE ENDOLUMINAL TREATMENT OF GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE (GERD)

as described and set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, filed by us on the ______ day of ______ day of ______ 2002

AND WHEREAS, **SYNTHEON**, **LLC**, hereinafter referred to as the "said COMPANY", a corporation duly organized, incorporated, and existing under the laws of Florida, and having a place of business at 8210 NW 27th Street, Miami, FL 33122, is desirous of acquiring or confirming its acquisition of the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, inventions or improvements, and in and to said application, and in and to any and all patents, both of the United States and of all foreign countries, that may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that we, the Inventors, for good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and by this assignment do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world, in and to our invention, inventions or improvements described or set forth in said application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to said application, and in and to any applications filed in any foreign country based thereon, including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty; and in and to any confirmation, divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, or substitute application which may filed on said invention, inventions or improvements in the United States or in any foreign country; and in and to any and all patents, certificates, utility models, reissues, extensions, additions or confirmations thereof which may be granted in the United States or in any foreign country upon said invention, inventions or improvements, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all such United States and foreign patents and grants may be issued on said invention, inventions or improvements.

AND we do hereby authorize and request the issuing authority to issue any and all of said United States and foreign patents on said application or applications to said COMPANY, its successors and assigns, as the assignees of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said COMPANY, its successors and assigns.

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AND we do hereby covenant and warrant that we have full righters convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned free and clear of all lice ites, encumbrances and liens whatsoever, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instruments in conflict herewith.

AND we, for the conditions aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said COMPANY, its successors and assigns, that we, our executors, administrators, or other personal representatives, shall and will do all lawful acts and things, make all rightful oaths, and make, execute, and deliver any and all other instruments in writing, and any and all further applications, papers, powers, affidavits, assignments, disclaimers and other documents, which in the opinion of counsel for said COMPANY, its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary in this or in any foreign country more effectually to secure to and vest in said COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, inventions, or improvements, application or applications, patents, rights, titles, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned, confirmed, transferred and conveyed.

The undersigned hereby grant David P. Gordon, Esq. and David S. Jacobson, Esq. the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the recordation of this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, Juergen A. Kortenbach, Robert Sixto, Jr. and Kevin W. Smith, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 20th day of September, 2002.

(L.S.)

State of Florida) ss: County of Miami-Jade)

BE IT KNOWN, that on this day of September 2002, personally appeared Juergen A. Kortenbach, Robert Sixto, Jr. and Kevin W. Smith, to me known and known to me to be the individual(s) described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and he/they acknowledged to me that he/they executed the same.

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My commission expires: April 5, 2004

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