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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):
Medtronic Xomed Surgical Products, Inc.

- Individual(s) Association
- General Partnership Limited Partnership
- Corporation - State Delaware
- Other _____

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger
- Security Agreement Change of Name
- Other _____

Execution Date: January 1, 2001

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)
Medtronic Xomed, Inc.
6743 Southpoint Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 33216-0980

- Individual(s) citizenship _____
- Association _____
- General Partnership _____
- Limited Partnership _____
- Corporation - State Delaware
- Other _____

If assigned is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designations attached: Yes No
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Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s)
A. Trademark Application No(s).

B. Trademark Registration Numbers(s)

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Additional number(s) attached Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) **\$40**
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9. Statement and signature.
To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Cindy L. Evenson
Name of Person Signing


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9/10/02
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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP, WHICH MERGES:
"MEROCEL CORPORATION", A DELAWARE CORPORATION,
WITH AND INTO "MEDTRONIC XOMED SURGICAL PRODUCTS, INC."
UNDER THE NAME OF "MEDTRONIC XOMED, INC.", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2000, AT 1:02 O'CLOCK P.M.

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AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AFORESAID CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP IS THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2001.

A FILED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

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**CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP AND MERGER
OF
MEROCEL CORPORATION
INTO**

MEDTRONIC XOMED SURGICAL PRODUCTS, INC.

Pursuant to Section 253, Chapter 8 of the Delaware Code, the following Certificate of Ownership and Merger is adopted by and between Medtronic Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Surviving Corporation") and MeroceI Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Target"):

1. The name of the parent corporation is Medtronic Xomed Surgical Products, Inc., a Delaware corporation.
2. The name of the subsidiary corporation is MeroceI Corporation, a Delaware corporation.
3. Target shall be merged with and into the Surviving Corporation pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Plan of Merger") approved by and adopted between Surviving Corporation and Target.
4. The effective date of the merger shall be January 1, 2001, upon filing of this Certificate of Merger in the Division of Corporations of the Department of State, State of Delaware (the "Effective Date").
5. The Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date shall be the Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation, subject to the Amendment that will change the Surviving Corporation's name as set forth in Item 8 of this Certificate of Ownership and Merger.
6. The Plan of Merger was adopted, approved, certified, executed and acknowledged by the Surviving Corporation in accordance with Section 253 of the Delaware Code. The Plan of Merger was duly adopted and approved by the directors of the Surviving Corporation on December 15, 2000. A copy of the directors' consent of the Surviving Corporation is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference.
7. The Plan of Merger is on file at the office of the Surviving Corporation at the principal office address of 6743 Southpoint Drive North, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. The Plan of Merger will be provided to each constituent corporation.
8. The name of the Surviving Corporation after the Merger shall be changed to Medtronic Xomed, Inc.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Surviving Corporation and Target have caused this Certificate of Ownership and Merger to be executed by their respective officers as of December 27, 2000.

Medtronic Xomed Surgical Products, Inc.

Marocel Corporation

By: [Signature]
Print Name: JAMES A. FLUAS
Its: VIC. PRESIDENT

By: [Signature]
Print Name: JAMES A. FLUAS
Its: SECRETARY