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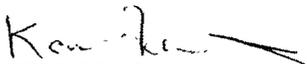
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A review of the Office assignment records do not reflect that the change of name from Medtronic AVE to Medtronic Vascular was recorded. Exhibit A otherwise appears to include records of the chain of title from the inventor to Medtronic AVE, but does not appear to include a document demonstrating the change of name.

Applicant is required to record the change of name from Medtronic AVE to Medtronic Vascular. If the above-identified patent is extended under 35 U.S.C. 156, the extension will issue to the assignee of record at the time of mailing of the Notice of Final Determination, e.g., Medtronic AVE, Inc.

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