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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 3.31, enclosed herewith is a document for recordal in this case. The following information is provided:

(1) Name Of Party Conveying The Interest:

**United States Surgical Corporation** 

(2) Name And Address Of Party Receiving The Interest:

Biomet, Incorporated P.O. Box 587 Airport Industrial Park Warsaw, Indiana 46580

(3) Description Of The Transaction To Be Recorded:

[X] Assignment	[	] License
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- (4) Application(s) and/or Patent(s) Against Which Enclosure Is To Be Recorded:
  - [X] Serial Number 08/736,852, filed October 28, 1996.
  - [] Application being filed concurrently herewith.
  - [X] Patent Number 5,569,250, issued October 29, 1996.

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct, and if the attached is not an original document, the undersigned verifies that it is a true copy of the original.

If, for some reason, Applicants have not paid a sufficient fee, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any further fees which may be due. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Foss

Reg. No. 31,251 Attorney for Applicants

Date: April 15, 1998



## ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

ASSIGNOR: United States Surgical Corporation

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hereby assigns and transfers to

ASSIGNEE:

Biomet, Incorporated

P.O. Box 587

Airport Industrial Park Warsaw, Indiana 46580

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for present, past and future infringement, in the United States, its territorial possessions, and in all foreign countries, including all treaty and convention rights in and to the invention and any and all improvements entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING ADJACENT BONE PORTIONS

which is described in

- (a) [ ] U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
- (b) [ ] U.S. patent application executed on .
- (c) [x] U.S. application serial no. <u>08/736.852</u> filed on <u>October 28, 1996</u>.
- (d) [x] U.S. patent no. <u>5.569.250</u> issued <u>October 29. 1996</u> (also check (e) if foreign application(s) is also being assigned)
- (e) [x] and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, and, in and to, all United States and foreign Letters Patent, for the full term thereof, to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, extension or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any re-issue or re-examination thereof;

Dated: 4-/4-98

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ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all such Letters Patent(s) to ASSIGNEE:

ASSIGNOR further covenants to promptly provide all pertinent facts and documents known and accessible to ASSIGNOR relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents; to testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto; to execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention or any Letters Patents which may be granted therefor in said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives; to execute any additional, continuation, or divisional applications for patents for said invention, or any part or parts thereof, and for the reissue of any Letters Patents to be granted therefor; and to make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for procuring the same or for aiding therein, all without further compensation, but at the sole expense of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives.

ASSIGNOR hereby grants ASSIGNEE and Assignee's attorneys the power to insert the Serial No. and/or filing date of the above-described application(s) after such information becomes known to them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal.

Assignor:

State of Connecticut

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County of Fairfield

Before me this 14th day of apri

1998,

personally appeared THOMAS R. BREM ERto me personally known to be the person described in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his own

from will for the nurmoses therein set forth,

Notary Public

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