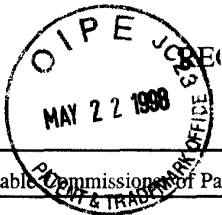


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## ASSIGNMENT

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THIS ASSIGNMENT, by FUMIHITO NAITO, residing at 2-54, MATSUMOTO-CHO, INUYAMA-SHI, AICHI, 484-0000, JAPAN (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignor"), witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the Assignor has invented certain new and useful improvements in BONE EXCAVATING APPARATUS FOR REPAIRING LIGAMENT AND A BONE TUNNEL FORMING METHOD set forth in an application, bearing Application No. 09/030,423, and filed on FEBRUARY 25, 1998; and

WHEREAS, NAGOYA SCREW MFG. CO., LTD., a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of JAPAN, and having its principal place of business at 17-15, TSUBAKI-CHO, NAKAMURA-KU, NAGOYA-SHI, AICHI, 453-0015, JAPAN (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications, including provisional applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents does sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said application, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries that may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all applications claiming priority to said applications, divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said applications, and reissues and extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, for its own use and behalf and the use and behalf of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor had this sale and assignment not been made;

AND for the same consideration, the Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to and with the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, the Assignor is the sole and lawful owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the inventions set forth in said applications and said applications, including provisional applications, above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered, and that the Assignor has good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth;

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AND the Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all said Letters Patent or Patents of the United States to the Assignee, as the Assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent or Patents to be issued thereon for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

Date April 23, 1998 Signature of Assignor Fumihito Naito  
Fumihito Naito