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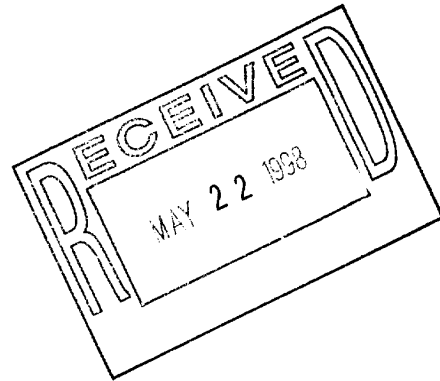
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Randall J. Huebner of Aloha, county of Washington, state of Oregon, Gene L. Conrad of Aloha, county of Washington, state of Oregon and David G. Jensen of Troutdale, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, have invented certain improvements in TAPERED BONE SCREW WITH CONTINUOUSLY VARYING PITCH, for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on the date we executed this Assignment as hereinafter set forth.

WHEREAS, Acumed, Inc., an Oregon corporation, having its principal place of business in Beaverton, county of Washington, and state of Oregon, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars to us in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, we the said Randall J. Huebner, Gene L. Conrad and David G. Jensen, have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Acumed, Inc., the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent Office officials in the United States and any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to the said Acumed, Inc., as the assignee of our entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use of the said Acumed, Inc., its successors and assigns.

Further, we agree that we will communicate to the said Acumed, Inc., or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal

proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to the said Acumed, Inc., make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said Acumed, Inc., its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10TH day of January, 1997.

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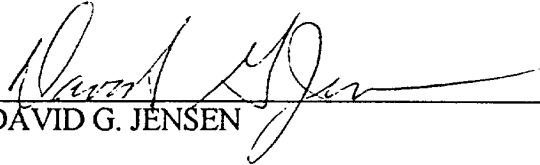
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