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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Rickey D. Hart, of 11 Hillside Road, Plainville, Massachusetts, having invented certain new and useful improvements in **APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR ANCHORING AUTOLOGOUS OR ARTIFICIAL TENDON GRAFTS IN BONE** for which I have made application for United States Letters Patent; said application filed November 21, 1997 and accorded U.S. Serial No. 08/976,257;

WHEREAS, Innovasive Devices, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, having a place of business at 734 Forest Street, Marlborough, Massachusetts, and its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring my entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, and in and to the said application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledge, I do hereby sell assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to said application and all patents which may granted therefore, and all divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, continuations-in-part and extensions thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as my interest is concerned, to the said ASSIGNEE of my entire right, title and interest.

I also hereby sell and assign to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives the full and exclusive rights, title and interest to the invention disclosed in said application throughout the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents, utility models, industrial models and designs for said invention in its own name throughout the world, including all rights of priority, all rights to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention, and all rights to register said invention in appropriate registries; and I further agree to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such rights, title and interest in ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

I hereby further agree that I will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, or to its successors, assigns and legal representative, any facts known to me respecting any improvements; and, at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and substitute applications, make all lawful oaths, and generally do everything possible to vest title in said ASSIGNEE and to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Marlborough
Massachusetts this 6th day of February, 1998.

R D Hart
Rickey D. Hart

SS.

Commonwealth
STATE OF Massachusetts
COUNTY OF Middlesex

Before me this 6th day of February 1998, personally appeared RICKEY D. HART known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

Jean M. Glumas
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