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## 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Smith &amp; Nephew, Inc.

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 1450 Brooks Road

City: Memphis State: TN ZIP: 38116

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## 4. Application number(s) or registration numbers(s):

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## A. Patent Application No.(s)

Ser. No. 08/396,512 filed March 1, 1995  
Ser. No. 08/954,003 filed October 20, 1997

## B. Patent No.(s)

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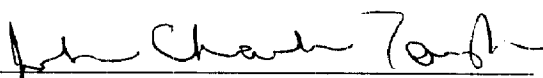
ASSIGNORS, John Charles Taylor, M.D., a United States citizen, whose address is 709 Center Drive, Memphis, Tennessee 38122 and Harold S. Taylor, a United States citizen, whose address is 689 East Drive, Memphis, Tennessee 38122, hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE, Smith & Nephew, Inc., a Delaware corporation with offices located at 1450 Brooks Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38116, and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/396,512 entitled EXTERNAL SKELETAL FIXATION SYSTEM, filed March 1, 1995, naming John Charles Taylor, M.D. and Harold S. Taylor as the inventors, including all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to Letters Patent any reissue or re-examination thereof.


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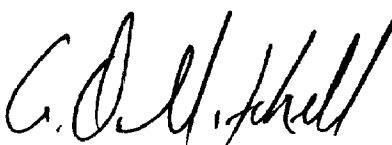
  
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Personally appeared before me, John Charles Taylor, M.D., with whom I am personally acquainted and who acknowledged that he executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained.

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