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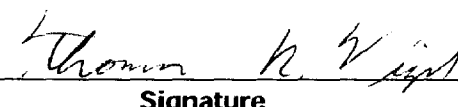
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Inventor(s) Helmut W. Minne

WHEREAS, I/We

HELMUT W. MINNE

have invented certain improvements in  
**MINIMAL ORTHESIS FOR THE TREATMENT OF OSTEOPOROSIS**

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on December 11,  
1998 ; and

WHEREAS

**Medi Bayreuth Weihermuller and Voigtmann GmbH & Co. Kg**

(assignee) desires to obtain the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we hereby sell, assign and transfer to the aforesaid assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in said application and all divisions, substitutes, continuations and all United States Letters Patent which may be granted thereon and all reissues, extensions and reexaminations thereof and the invention therein disclosed for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, and I/we request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in said application to the said assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by said assignee in connection with the United States when called upon to do so by the said assignee.

SIGNED AND SEALED at \_\_\_\_\_  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1998.

Helmut W. Minne

(To be notarized - with Apostille attached under The Hague Convention or directly before a U.S. Consulate Official)