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ASSIGNMENT

This Assignment is made and effective as of the 29 day of March, 1999, by and between Sofamor Danek Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, having a place of business at 1800 Pyramid Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38132 ("Assignor") and SDGI Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, having a place of business at 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 508, Wilmington, Delaware 19802 ("Assignee").

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Assignor is the present owner of partial right, title and interest in, to and under certain new and useful invention for which application has been made for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/073,081, filed May 5, 1998 by inventors Louis Marie Rabbe and Lawrence M. Boyd, and entitled ADJUSTABLE VERTEBRAL BODY REPLACEMENT; and

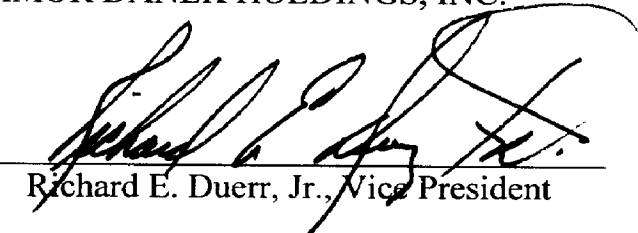
WHEREAS, in connection with a corporate reorganization, Assignor desires to assign to Assignee and Assignee desires to receive from Assignor all of Assignor's right, title and interest in, to and under the patent properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by Assignor, Assignor hereby sells, conveys, assigns, transfers and delivers to Assignee, its properties, including the underlying inventions therein and all applications thereon and arising therefrom, United States and foreign, including all continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, PCT's and abandoned applications thereof and all patents issued and obtained therefor and thereon, United States and foreign, including all reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof, and further including all rights to sue for and to recover injunctive and other relief for future infringements thereof and to otherwise stand in the place of Assignor in all matters related thereto. Assignor further covenants that Assignee will, upon request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to the Patent Properties that may be known and accessible to Assignor and that Assignor will, upon request, promptly execute and deliver to Assignee or its legal representatives all papers, instruments or affidavits required to carry out and record this transfer and assignment of the patent properties to Assignee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has caused this Assignment to be executed and effective as of the day and year written above.

SOFAMOR DANEK HOLDINGS, INC.

By:


Richard E. Duerr, Jr., Vice President