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WHEREAS, **Thomas WAHL**, of Römerweg 2, CH-2543 Lengnau, Switzerland and **Volker BÜHREN**, of Hagener Strasse 11, D-82418 Murnau, Germany, as assignors, have invented improvements in

MODULAR INTRAMEDULLARY NAIL

___ for which an Application for United States Letters Patent has been executed by me on even date herewith.

___ for which U.S. Application Serial No. _____ for Letters Patent was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we as assignors hereby sell, assign and set over to said assignee the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America and all other countries in and to said invention and the aforesaid application for Letters Patent, all original, divisional, continuation, substitute or reissue applications and patents applied for or granted therefor in the United States of America and all other countries, and the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue all patents on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said assignee herein, as assignee of the entire interest therein; and the undersigned for themselves and their legal representatives, heirs and assigns do hereby agree and covenant without further remuneration, to execute and deliver all divisional, continuation, reissue and other applications for Letters Patent on said improvements and all assignments thereof to said assignee or its assigns, to communicate to said assignee or its representatives all facts known to the undersigned respecting said improvements, whenever requested, to testify in any interferences or other legal proceedings in which any of said applications or patents may become involved, to sign all lawful papers, make all rightful oaths, and to do generally everything necessary to aid assignee, its successors, assigns and nominees to obtain patent protection for said improvements in all countries, the expenses incident to said applications to be borne and paid by said assignee.

And we do hereby authorize our attorneys to insert on this deed the filing date and serial number of said application when known.

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