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WHEREAS, Yves Crozet, a citizen of France, residing at 403 Washington Drive. Ramsey, New Jersey 07446 and Martin Masson, a citizen of the Canada, residing at 90 Tiffany Boulevard, Apt. 174, Newark, New Jersey 07104, a citizen of Canada, as assignors, have invented improvements in:

SPINAL CROSS CONNECTOR

for which an Application for United States Letters Patent has been executed by us on October 18, 1999

AND WHEREAS, HOWMEDICA OSTEONICS CORPORATION, a New Jersey Corporation, having a place of business at 59 Route 17, Allendale, New Jersey, as assignee, is desirous of acquiring all right, title and interest in and to said invention and any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration as set forth in a corresponding agreement, 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 Letters Patent on said invention and all assignments thereof to said assignee herein, as assignee of the entire interest therein; and the undersigned for us and our legal representatives, heirs and assigns do hereby agree and covenant without further remuneration, except as set forth in said corresponding agreement, to execute and deliver all divisional, continuation, reissue and other applications for Letters Patent on said invention 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 invention, 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 invention in all countries, the expenses incident to said applications to be borne and paid by said assignee.

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