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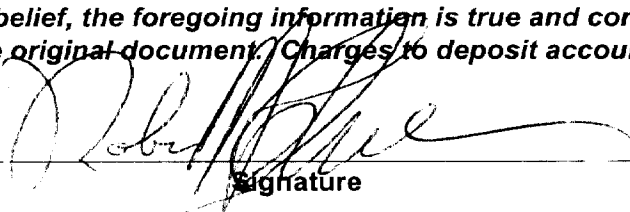
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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

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ASSIGNOR, Smith & Nephew, Inc., a Delaware corporation with offices located at 1450 Brooks Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38116, hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEES, 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, and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEES, 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 No. 5,961,515, issued October 5, 1999, 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 any reissue or re-examination thereof.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment.

ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEES will, upon their request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention and said

Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEES or their legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes hereof.

ASSIGNOR:

SMITH & NEPHEW, INC.

By Joel Petrow
Joel Petrow
Assistant Secretary

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Personally appeared before me, Joel Petrow with whom I am personally acquainted and who acknowledged that he is Asst. Secretary of Assignor and is authorized to execute the within instrument for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand, at office, this 6th day of December, 1999.

Judy Hays
Notary Public

My commission expires:

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
JANUARY 25, 2000

