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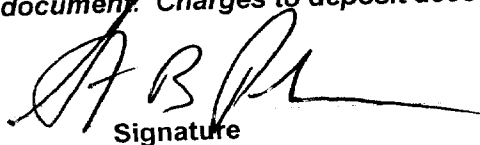
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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENTS

WHEREAS, J. E. HANGER, INC., a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business at 2 Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR"), is the owner of U.S. Patent Nos. 4,572,167 and 5,101,811 (hereinafter the "PATENTS"); and

WHEREAS, SEATTLE ORTHOPEDIC GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business at 2 Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring all of the right, title and interest of ASSIGNOR in, to and under the PATENTS together with the goodwill of the business associated with the PATENTS:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS and other goods and valuable consideration paid by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR confirms the transfer and hereby transfers and assigns to ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and under the PATENTS together with the goodwill of the business associated with the PATENTS, including without limitation the right to make, to use and to sell any rights under the PATENTS and including any reissues, continuations, continuations-in-parts, reexaminations, or improvements thereof and foreign equivalents thereof including the subject matter of all claims which may be obtained therefrom; and

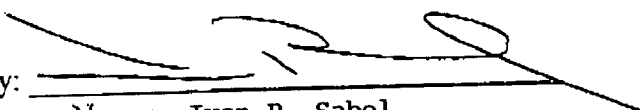
ASSIGNOR, does also hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto ~~ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns~~ all claims for damages by reason of past infringement of the PATENTS, the right to sue for and collect the same for its own use and enjoyment and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives;

ASSIGNOR, further authorizes the Commissioner of Patents and Patents of the United States whose duty it is to record patents, applications and title thereto, to record the PATENTS and title thereto as the property of the ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns in accordance with the terms of this instrument; and

ASSIGNOR also agrees to cooperate with ASSIGNEE in any legal action that ASSIGNEE may take regarding the protection of the rights of ASSIGNEE in the PATENTS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ASSIGNOR has executed this instrument on this 14th day of February, 2000.

J. E. HANGER, INC.
(a Delaware corporation)

By: 
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Title: President and CEO