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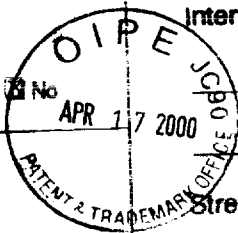
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B. Patent No.(s) 5,690,489

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, the undersigned inventor (or one of the undersigned joint inventors), of residence as listed, having invented certain new and useful improvements as below entitled, for which an application for United States Letters Patent, Appl. No. 507,086, was filed July 26, 1995, and which issued as Patent No. 5,690,489 on Nov. 25, 1997; and

WHEREAS, ACE Surgical Supply Co., Inc. (hereafter ACE), a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having a principal office at 1034 Pearl Street, Brockton, Massachusetts, is desirous of acquiring my entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, and to the said application and any Letters Patent that issue thereon:

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell and assign to the said ACE, its successors and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and in and to the said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and to all divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, reexaminations and extensions thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as my interest is concerned, to the said ACE, as assignee of my entire right, title and interest.

I also hereby sell and assign to ACE, its successors and assigns, my foreign rights to the invention disclosed in said application, in all countries of the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents under the terms of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty and of the European Patent Convention, and further agree to execute any and all patent applications, assignments, affidavits and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such patent rights

I hereby further agree that I will communicate to the said ACE, or to its successors, assigns and legal representatives, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and at the expense of said assignees, testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, reissue, substitute and reexamination applications, make all lawful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said ACE, its successors, assigns and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year.

TITLE: DELIVERY AND DRIVE TOOL FOR THREADED MEMBERS AND METHOD FOR USE

SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR *Joseph Edward Carchidi*

NAME OF INVENTOR JOSEPH EDWARD CARCHIDI

DATE 4/8/00

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