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To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents: Please record the attached original documents or a copy thereof. 1. Name of conveying parties: 2. Name and address of receiving party: Frank Scott Bono George Joseph Ross Name: DePuy AcroMed, Inc. **Christopher Werner Sicvol** Street: 325 Paramount Drive Ian Burgess Ravnham City: State: **Massachusetts** Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? 22767 Zip: Yes No X **3.** Nature of conveyance: Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? X Assignment Yes____ No_X_ ___ Merger Security Agreement ___ Change of Name 09467937 Other Execution Date: September 12, 2000 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): (If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:) September 12, 2000 B. Patent No(s): [Patent No(s)] A. Patent Application No: Additional numbers attached? Yes X5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence 6. Total number of applications and patents concerning document should be mailed: involved? 1 Atty. Name: Michael I. Falkoff, Esq. 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$40.00 Firm Name: Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP X Enclosed Street Address: **One International Place** ___ Authorized to be charged to City/State: Boston, MA Deposit Account No. 141449 Zip Code 02110-2699 Direct Dial No. (617) 439-2879 8. Deposit Account No. 141449 (Attach Direct Fax No. (617) 310-9879 duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account) DO NOT USE THIS SPACE 9. Statement and signature (To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.) Michael I. Falkoff Name of Attorney Signature Date 09/28/2000 GTON11 00000158 09667937 Total number of pages including cover sheet: 3

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ASSIGNMENT

Whereas we, the undersigned, Frank Scott Bono, George Joseph Ross, Christopher Werner Sicvol and Ian Burgess have made certain inventions or discoveries (or both) set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America entitled, LOCK CAP FOR SECURING ROD TO SPINAL SCREW/EYE, identified as Attorney Docket No. 101896-10, which application or a copy thereof was executed by us of even date herewith and is about to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

Whereas, DePuy AcroMed, Inc., a corporation of Massachusetts having a place of business at 325 Paramount Drive, Raynham, MA 22767 and which, together with its successors and assigns, is hereinafter called "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits and privileges hereinafter recited;

Now, therefore, for valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to us, receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, we hereby, without reservation:

- 1. Assign, transfer and convey to Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, any and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, reissue, reexamination and Convention applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries, or upon said applications, and any and all Letters Patent, reissues, reexaminations, and extensions of Letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon or arise from said inventions, said discoveries, said applications, provisional application and said Letters Patent;
- 2. Authorize Assignee to file patent applications in any or all countries on any or all of said inventions and discoveries in our names or in the name of Assignee or otherwise as Assignee may deem advisable, under the International Convention or otherwise:
- 3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue or transfer all said Letters Patent to Assignee, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein or otherwise as Assignee may direct;
- 4. Warrant that we have not knowingly conveyed to others any right in said inventions, discoveries, applications or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that we have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance;

5. Bind our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, as well as ourselves, to do, upon Assignee's request and at Assignee's expense, but without additional consideration to us or them, all acts reasonably serving to assure that the said inventions and discoveries, the said patent applications and the said Letters Patent shall be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and entirely as the same could have been held and enjoyed by us, our heirs, legal representatives and assigns if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by Assignee; to communicate to Assignee all facts known to us relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof; and to furnish Assignee with any and all documents, photographs, models, samples and other physical exhibits in our control or in the control of our heirs, legal representatives or assigns which may be useful for establishing the facts of our conceptions, disclosures, and reduction to practice of said inventions and discoveries.

In testimony of which we have executed this Assignment as an instrument under seal on the dates indicated next to our names.

Dated: 9/12/00

Frank Scott Bono

Dated: 9-12-00

George Joseph Ross

Dated: 9-12-00

Christopher Werner Sicvol

Dated: 9-12-00

Ian Burgess

NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Brustal

Before me appeared Frank Scott Bono, George Joseph Ross, Christopher Werner Sicvol and Ian Burgess to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and each acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Date: 9/12/00

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