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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS. Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. (formerly known as Sofamor Danek Group, Inc., as evidenced by the attached copy of a Certificate of Merger) a corporation of Indiana, whose post office address is 1800 Pyramid Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38132, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to an invention entitled:

IMAGE GUIDED SPINAL SURGERY GUIDE, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR USE THEREOF

for which a provisional application for United States patent was filed on December 12, 1997, Serial No. 60/069,595, and for which a non-provisional application for United States Letters Patent was filed on December 10, 1998, Serial No. 09/209,248; and

WHEREAS, Surgical Navigation Technologies, Inc., a corporation of Indiana, whose post office address is 1800 Pyramid Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38132, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of securing the entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention, in all countries throughout the world except for the United States of America (hereinafter "any foreign country"), and in and to all applications for Letters Patent which may be granted on this invention in any foreign country and all Letters Patent which may be granted on this invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration the receipt of which from Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and does hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the Assignee, its lawful successors and assigns, its entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention in any foreign country, all rights to claim priority on the basis of the above-referenced U.S. patent applications in any foreign country, all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for this invention in any foreign country, and all Letters Patent which may be granted on this invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and the Assignor hereby authorizes and requests any official of any foreign country whose duty is to issue patents on applications as described above, to issue all Letters Patent for this invention to assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

AND, THE ASSIGNOR HEREBY covenants that the Assignor has the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, and the Assignor has not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment;

AND, THE ASSIGNOR HEREBY further covenants and agrees that it will, without further consideration, communicate with Assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known respecting this invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers when called upon to do so, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to this invention in said Assignee, its successors or assigns, execute all divisional, continuation, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for this invention in any foreign country, it being understood that any expense incident to the execution of such papers shall be borne by the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

The undersigned is empowered to sign this Assignment on behalf of the Assignor.

J.	<u>Mark Merril</u>	1, V.P.,	Treas.,	& Asst.	Sec.	APPROVEE AS TO LEGAL FOR			
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CERTIFICATE OF MERGER

To Whom These Presents Come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, there has been presented to me at this office for filing duplicate copies of Articles of Merger, merging

> MSD MERGER CORP. the non-survivor, an Indiana corporation

> > with and into

SOFAMOR DANEX GROUP, INC. the survivor, an Indiana corporation

The name of the corporation following the merger is

MEDIRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK, INC.

Said Articles of Merger, having been prepared and signed in accordance with the Indiana Business Corporation Law.

WHEREAS, upon due examination I find that they conform to law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sue Anne Gilroy, hereby certify that said Arricles of Merger have this day been filed in this office. The effective date of the merger is the 27th day of January, 1999.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affired the seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, this Twenty-seventh day of January, 1999..

SUE ANNE GILROY, Secret

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