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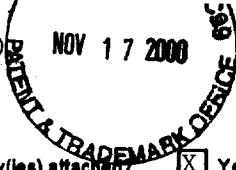


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ASSIGNMENT

Whereas We, the undersigned inventors, whose addresses are set forth below, have invented a certain improvement in:

AN ANTERO-POSTERO-STABILIZED KNEE PROSTHESIS

an application for which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 31, 2000, Serial No. 09/539,883;

Whereas, MERCK BIOMATERIAL FRANCE, of Plateau de Lautagne, 26903 Valence Cedex, France, a corporation of France, and ORA, of 15 Chemin Finat Duclot, 69160 Tassin La Demi Lune, France, (hereinafter referred to as Assignees), are desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or improvement;

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