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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned,

Name(s) of Inventor(s) Joe W. Ferguson

maker(s) of an invention which is the subject of an application for Letters Patent of the United States ("Application") entitled

Title of Application APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SECURING SOFT TISSUE TO AN ARTIFICIAL PROSTHESIS

which has been executed by the undersigned on

Date of signing of Application by each inventor Oct 18, 2000

the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s), and set(s) over to

Name of Assignee Depuy Orthopaedics, Inc.

Address of principal place of business 700 Orthopaedic Drive
Warsaw, Indiana 46581

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[Signature] 10-18-00
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Joe W. Ferguson
Inventor (Printed Name)

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Acknowledged before me, a Notary Public, within and for said County and State. Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this 18th day of October, 2000.

Lois J. Scott
Notary Public

Lois J. Scott
Printed Name

My Commission Expires: March 2, 2001

Resident of Wabash County