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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, We, Jean-Louis Vignaud, Gilles Missenard, Philippe Lapresle and Jean-Francois Sacriste, all citizens of France, residing respectively at Jar de la Palombiere, 33950 Le Pirailan, Lege Cap Ferret, France, 7 hameau de la Fontaine, 75016, Paris, France, 32 Boulevard Victor Hugo, 92200, Neuilly-Sur-Seine, France, and 5 Square Maurice Ravel, 33115, Le Pyla/Mer, France, (ASSIGNORS) made a certain invention entitled INTERCONNECTING DEVICE ABLE TO LOCK SPINAL OSTEOSYNTHESIS FASTENERS which is the subject of Letters Patent of the United States No. 5,261,907, issued November 16, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Stryker Corporation, a Michigan corporation, located and doing business at 2725 Fairfield Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49002 USA, (ASSIGNEE) has acquired the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforementioned invention and the aforementioned Letters Patent on said invention on or about the 22 day of February, 2001; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN that for good and valuable consideration paid to Assignors by Assignee, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors by these 22 day of February, 2001 presents hereby confirm selling, assigning, setting over and transferring as of Assignee unto its successors, legal representatives or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention in and for the United States; and in to and under the aforesaid United States patent and any divisional, continuing, substitute or reissue applications or supplementary disclosures which may be filed on said invention in the United States; and any Letters Patent of the United States issued or granted on said invention and/or said applications;

AND ASSIGNORS HEREBY authorize and request the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or other issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said invention to Assignee as sole assignee;

AND ASSIGNORS HEREBY covenant that Assignors have the full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned and that Assignors have not executed and will not execute any assignment or other instrument in conflict herewith;

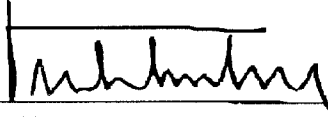
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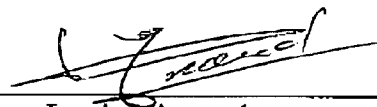
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expenses and to perform the aforesaid testifying for reasonable compensation; and generally to aid the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns to obtain and enforce proper patent protection on and for said invention and likewise we make these provisions binding upon Assignors' heirs, legal representatives and/or administrators.

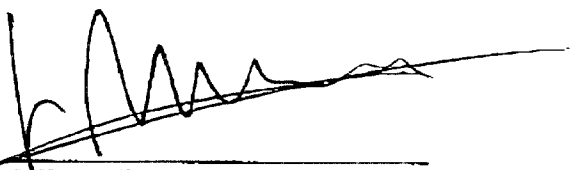
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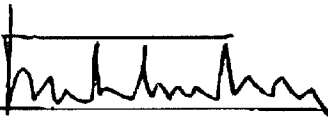

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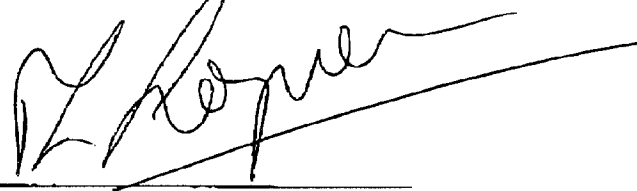
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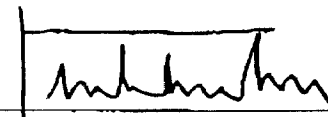

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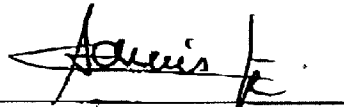
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