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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Howmedica International S. de R.L. (previously named Howmedica International, Inc.), a Panama corporation located and doing business at Shannon Industrials Estate, Shannon, County Claire, Ireland is the sole and exclusive owner of record, by assignment recorded February 26, 1996 at Reel 7808, Frame 0141, and a subsequent name change, of the following Letters Patents of the United States of America:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Inventors</u>	<u>Title</u>
6,080,153	June 27, 2000	Jacques Mata, Marcel Nyfeler, Denis Worek	External Fixation Device
5,752,954	May 19, 1998	Jacques Mata, Marcel Nyfeler, Denis Worek	External Fixation Device

WHEREAS, the assignment of the above Letters Patents to Howmedica International S. de R.L. appears to have been inadvertent insofar as the inventions underlying such Letters Patents were conceived, reduced to practice and developed by employee-inventors Jacques Mata, Marcel Nyfeler and Denis Worek of Stryker Trauma S.A. (previously named Jaquet Orthopedie S.A.), a Swiss corporation located and doing business at 5, Chemin des Aulx, 1228 Plan-Les-Ouates, Geneva, Switzerland, and said employee-inventors were at the time of such inventions and remain obligated to assign such inventions and corresponding patents and patent applications to Stryker Trauma S.A.;

WHEREAS, other patents corresponding to such Letters Patents, such as German Utility Model DE 295 12917 U1 and EPO 700 664 B1, were properly assigned to Stryker Trauma S.A. (named Jaquet Orthopedie S.A. at the time of such assignments);

WHEREAS, Stryker Trauma S.A., Howmedica International S. de R.L., Jacques Mata, Marcel Nyfeler and Denis Worek desire to correct the right, title and interest in, to and under such Letters Patents and the inventions covered thereby to reflect ownership in Stryker Trauma S.A.;

WHEREAS, Howmedica International, Inc. as referred to in the February 26, 1996 assignment, recorded at Reel 7808, Frame 0141, changed its name to Howmedica International S. de R.L. since that assignment;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of and exchange for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

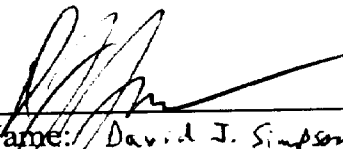
(1.) Howmedica International S. de R.L. does hereby assign, transfer and set over to Stryker Trauma S.A. all of the right, title and interest in, to and under the above-mentioned Letters Patents and the inventions covered thereby, the same to be held and enjoyed by Stryker Trauma S.A., for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns, licensees and other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which such Letters Patents of the United States are granted or reissued or reexamined, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Howmedica International S. de R.L. if this assignment had not been made, together with all claims for damages by reason of past infringement of such Letters Patents, with the right to sue for and collect the same for its own use and behoof and for the use and behoof of its successors, assigns, licensees or other legal representatives; and

(2.) the employee-inventors Jacques Mata, Marcel Nyfeler and Denis Worek confirm their obligation to assign the inventions underlying the above-mentioned Letters Patents of the United States of America and corresponding patents and patent applications to Stryker Trauma S.A. (named Jaquet Orthopedie S.A. at the time of such inventions), and hereby confirm

that Stryker Trauma S.A. should be the rightful owner of all of the right, title and interest in, to and under such Letters Patents and the inventions covered thereby; and to the extent any right, title or interest in, to or under such Letters Patent and the inventions covered thereby has remained with the employee-inventors, the employee-inventors hereby assign, transfer and set over to Stryker Trauma S.A. all of the right, title and interest in, to and under such Letters Patents and the inventions covered thereby, the same to be held and enjoyed by Stryker Trauma S.A., for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns, licensees and other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which such Letters Patents of the United States are granted or reissued or reexamined, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the employee-inventors if this assignment had not been made, together with all claims for damages by reason of past infringement of such Letters Patents, with the right to sue for and collect the same for its own use and behoof, and for the use and behoof of its successors, assigns, licensees or other legal representatives.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Assignment effective as of the dates executed, Howmedica International S. de R.L. having caused this Assignment to be executed by its duly appointed trustee having full authority to convey its property.

Howmedica International S. de R.L.


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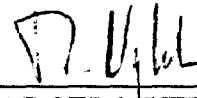
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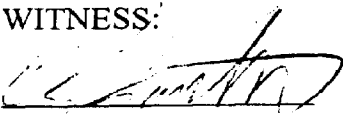
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