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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, **BRUCE A. WATKINS**, of West Lafayette, Indiana, **ALLAN J. LEPINE**, of Lewisburg, Ohio, **MICHAEL G. HAYEK**, of Dayton, Ohio and **GREGORY A. REINHART**, of Dayton, Ohio, invented certain new and useful METHOD FOR IMPROVING BONE MODELING AND CHONDROCYTE FUNCTIONING IN GROWING CANINES for which we executed an application for a United States Patent and for which said application for United States Patent was filed on February 16, 2001, under

☒ Patent Application Serial No. 09/785,901

☒ Attorney Docket No. IAM 0616 PA;

WHEREAS, we hereby authorize and request the attorney(s) and/or agent(s) empowered to act on our behalf in the aforementioned application, to insert above the filing date and application number of said application, when known;

AND WHEREAS, The Iams Company, a corporation of the State of Ohio, with a place of business at 7250 Poe Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45414, hereinafter called the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions therein disclosed and any letters patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and any divisions or continuations thereof, and the inventions therein disclosed, and any improvements thereon, and any patent or patents that may be issued or reissued thereon, and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent thereon, and reissues thereof, to said Assignee, its successors and assigns; and we hereby authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to file in its own name applications for patent in foreign countries in connection with the inventions hereby transferred, under the International Convention claiming the priority of said United States application or otherwise, and to secure in its own name the patent or patents issued thereon; and we hereby agree that, upon request, we will sign all papers, and make all rightful oaths, and do all acts which said Assignee, its successors or assigns, may consider necessary in connection with said United States application, and in connection with any other United States or foreign applications that may be filed in connection with said inventions, and with any improvements thereon, and in connection with any patents issued or reissued thereon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 12 day of Feb., 2001.

Bruce A. Watkins  
BRUCE A. WATKINS

State of Indiana )  
 ) ss  
County of Tippecanoe )

On this 12 day of Feb., 2001 before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named **BRUCE A. WATKINS** personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.

MELISSA J MOOLENAAR  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF INDIANA  
TIPPECANOE COUNTY  
MY COMMISSION EXP. OCT. 24, 2007

Melissa J. Mooleenaar  
Notary Public

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day  
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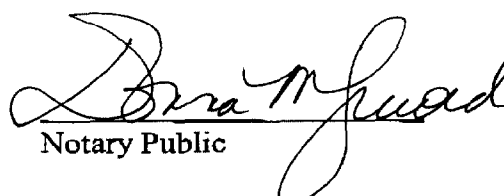
  
ALLAN J. LEPINE

  
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On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001 before me a Notary Public in and for  
the above County and State, personally appeared the above named **ALLAN J. LEPINE,**  
**MICHAEL G. HAYEK** and **GREGORY A. REINHART** personally known to me, and  
acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose  
herein set forth.

  
Notary Public

**DONNA M. SWORD, Notary Public**  
In and for the State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires **May 20, 2004**