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In consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), to us paid, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

We

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do hereby sell, assign, and transfer to

Synthes (U.S.A.),  
a Pennsylvania partnership of Paoli,  
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located and doing business at

1690 Russell Road  
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its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest for, to and within the whole of the United States of America and the territories thereof in and to the invention and Letters Patent which may be issued therefor in the United States of America as fully set forth and described in the application entitled

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which We executed on even date herewith preparatory to filing in the United States and Trademark Office.

And We do hereby authorize and request that all Letters Patent of the United States of America maturing from said application be issued to the said Synthes (U.S.A.), its successors and assigns.

And for the aforesaid consideration, We do hereby agree, for ourselves and for our legal representatives and assigns, to execute any further instruments and do such other acts and things as may be necessary and proper to aid in securing Letters patent of the United States for said invention, and to secure the title thereto in said assignee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals  
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