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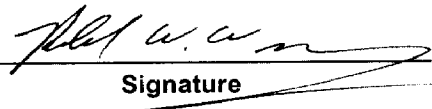
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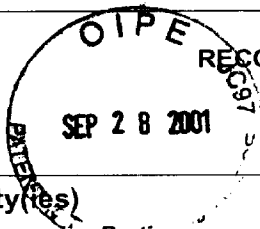
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WHEREAS, Biomet, Inc., an Indiana Corporation, having a place of business at Airport Industrial Park, Warsaw, Indiana 46580, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

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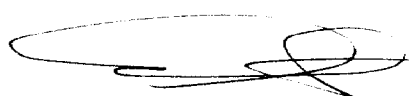
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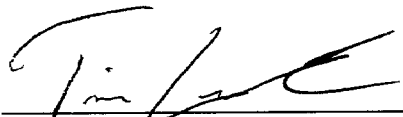
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