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Street Address: 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 508

City: Wilmington State: Delaware Zip: 19801

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Name: Brad A. Schepers

Internal Address: Woodard, Emhardt, Naughton, Moriarty & McNett

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved 1

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, James L. Chappuis of 3170 Lakeridge Dr., Marietta, Georgia 30067, Michael S. Veldman of 8032 Hillside Cove, Olive Branch, Mississippi 38654, and Harold S. Taylor of 608 West Drive, Memphis, Tennessee 38112, hereinafter referred to as Assignors, have made a new and useful Invention in **SURGICAL INSTRUMENTATION AND METHOD FOR FORMING A PASSAGE IN BONE HAVING AN ENLARGED CROSS-SECTIONAL PORTION** for which Assignors have made or will make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, SDGI Holdings, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Assignee, a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 508, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, desires to acquire all of the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under said Invention disclosed, described and/or claimed, or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, which may be obtained therefor and thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, To All Whom It May Concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good, valuable and sufficient considerations to Assignor in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, all of the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application for United States Letters Patent executed by Assignor this _____ day of _____, 20____, and any and all other applications thereon and arising therefrom, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all patents to be issued and obtained therefor and thereon, United States and foreign, including all reissues and extensions thereof.

Assignors hereby authorize and request the firm of Woodard, Emhardt, Naughton, Moriarty & McNett of Bank One Center/Tower, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 3700, Indianapolis, IN 46204-5137 to insert here in parentheses (Serial No. 10/052,096 Filed January 17, 2003) the date and serial number of said application when officially known, and Assignors hereby authorize and request the Honorable Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to Assignee, its assigns and legal representatives.

Assignors agree to sign and execute any and all other papers necessary or desirable for the procurement of Letters Patent on said Inventions in this and all foreign countries for the use of Assignee.

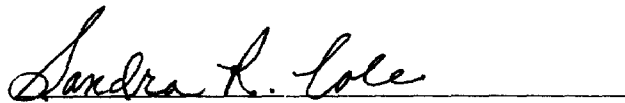
WITNESS Assignor's hand this 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2002.


James L. Chappuis

STATE OF Georgia)
) : SS
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Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared James L. Chappuis, who, being first duly sworn upon his oath, acknowledged the execution of the foregoing "Assignment" as his voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this 1st day of February, 2002.


Notary Public

Printed: SANDRA R. Cole

Resident of Henry County

My Commission Expires:

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My Commission Expires April 15, 2005

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Michael S. Veldman
Michael S. Veldman

STATE OF Tennessee)
) : SS
COUNTY OF Shelby)

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared Michael S. Veldman, who, being first duly sworn upon his oath, acknowledged the execution of the foregoing "Assignment" as his voluntary act and deed.

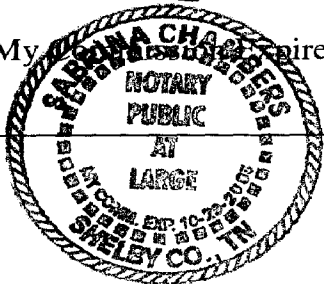
WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this 31st day of January, 2002.

Sabrina Chambers
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Resident of Fayette County

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WITNESS Assignor's hand this 31st day of JANUARY, 2002.

[Signature]
Harold S. Taylor

STATE OF Tennessee)
) : SS
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Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared Harold S. Taylor, who, being first duly sworn upon his oath, acknowledged the execution of the foregoing "Assignment" as his voluntary act and deed.

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