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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Alan E. Shluzas, of Millis, County of Norfolk, and State of Massachusetts, have made new and useful improvements in AN APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING A LONGITUDINAL MEMBER TO A BONE PORTION; for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been filed on February 13, 2000 under Serial No. 10/075,668; and

WHEREAS, Endius Incorporated, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at Plainville, County of Norfolk, State of Massachusetts, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and all patents therefor to be obtained in the United States of America and countries foreign to the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for valuable considerations to me paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Alan E. Shluzas, do hereby assign, sell and set over unto the said Endius Incorporated its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and any and all inventions pertaining thereto, said application Serial No. 10/075,668 for the United States patent, all patents granted therefor in the United States of America and elsewhere, and the right to apply for patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States and to claim for such applications the priority of United States applications, and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue such patents to the said Endius Incorporated its successors or assigns; and I further agree to execute such other applications and other instruments and do all other acts as may be deemed necessary by the said Endius Incorporated its successors or assigns in order to fully secure, protect and preserve its rights to the said improvements and to obtain patents therefor in the United States of America and all countries foreign to the United States, all without further consideration but at the expense of the said Endius Incorporated its successors or assigns.

Signed at 23, West Bacon Street and State of Massachusetts
County of Bristol day of March 2002
This

Alan E. Shluzas

STATE OF Bristol }
COUNTY OF Massachusetts }

On this 21 day of March 2002
Personally appeared before me Alan E. Shluzas to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and the purposes therein mentioned.

Keri L. Simpson
Notary Public

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