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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK, INC. owns and has full and clear title to U.S Patent Application Serial No. 09/866,238, filed May 25, 2001, entitled PERCUTANEOUS NEEDLE ALIGNMENT SYSTEM and, whereas

SDGI HOLDINGS, INC.

a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office at 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 508, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 USA, desires to purchase the same;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations paid by the said

SDGI HOLDINGS, INC.

the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, **MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK**, **INC**. has and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said

SDGI HOLDINGS, INC.

in and for the United States and its territories and for foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and any other intellectual property claiming priority thereto, in and to the inventions therein set forth, and in and to any other U.S., International and/or Foreign patent or other intellectual property now known or in the future that may issue on or claim priority to said application, and/or any conventional, division, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue, renewal, reexam, continued prosecution application ("CPA"), or Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") thereof; and **MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK, INC.** hereby binds itself, its heirs, legal representatives, administrators and assigns properly to execute without further consideration, any and all applications, petitions, oaths and assignments or other papers and instruments that may be necessary in order to carry into full force and effect the sale, assignment, transfer and conveyance hereby made or intended to be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, **MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK**, **INC.** has hereunto set its hand and seal.

MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK, INC.

DATE: 3/20/02

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