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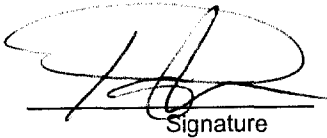
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WHEREAS, Sulzer Orthopädie AG of CH-6840 Baar, Switzerland wishes to purchase all Nikolaus Böhler's rights to and under the patent.

Therefore, for valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby assigns all [his/her] right, title and interest in the patent to Sulzer Orthopädie AG for the entire term of the patent and any reissues, reexaminations or extensions thereof.

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