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ASSIGNMENT

Serial No. 10/104,487

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In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign to PIONEER LABORATORIES, INC. (A Corporation of the State of Michigan) its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, identified as Case No. 647 P 068 in the offices of SEYFARTH SHAW, 55 East Monroe Street, Suite 4200, Chicago, Illinois 60603 and entitled SPINAL FIXATION SYSTEM and in said application and any and all other applications, both United States and foreign, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained on any of said applications and in any reissue or extension of such patents.

The undersigned hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee.

The undersigned hereby authorize and request the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the date and serial number of said application when officially known.

The undersigned warrant themselves to be the owners of the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements and to have the right to make this assignment, and further warrant that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other encumbrances on the interest herein assigned.

For said considerations the undersigned hereby agree, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary declaration, oath, or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and any and all applications and other documents for Letters Patent in foreign countries on said invention or improvements that said assignee, its successors, or assigns may deem necessary or expedient, and for the said considerations the undersigned further agree, upon the request of said assignee, its successors, or assigns, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors, or assigns, in any proceedings or transactions involving such application or patents, including the preparation and execution of preliminary statements, giving and producing evidence, and performing any and all other acts

necessary to obtain and enforce said Letters Patent, both United States and foreign, and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the assignee, its successors, and assigns, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent will be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment had not been made.


WITNESS our hands and seals this 4th day of June, 2002

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Matthew N. Songer

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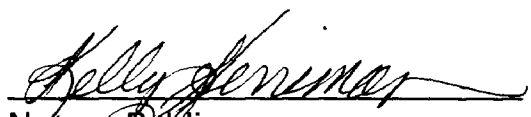
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On this 4th day of June, 2002, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Matthew N. Songer, Jeffrey D. Vlahos and Thomas S. Kilpela to me personally known to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed said instrument as their free and voluntary act and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

KELLY HERRIMAN
Notary Public, Marquette County, Michigan
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