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To the Honorable Commissioner: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Joseph Ferrante
Ed Austin
Anthony James

Additional names of conveying party(ies) attached?

YES NO

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: **Smith & Nephew, Inc.**
Street Address: **1450 Brooks Road**
City, State, Zip: **Memphis, TN 38116**

Additional name(s) and address(es) attached?

YES NO

3. Nature of conveyance:

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Execution Date(s): **August 6, 2002**

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

10/172,654

B. Patent No.(s):

Additional numbers attached? YES NO

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:



Chief Patent Counsel
Smith & Nephew, Inc.
1450 Brooks Road
Memphis, TN 38116
(901) 396-2121

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$40.00

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855

8. Deposit account number: 11-0855 (Attach duplicate copy of this form if paying by deposit account)

9. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Geoffrey K. Gavin, Reg. No. 47,591

8/14/02
Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Joseph FERRANTE, Ed AUSTIN, and Anthony JAMES, have invented certain improvements in "Devices, Systems, and Methods for Placing and Positioning Fixation Elements in External Fixation Systems" for which a utility application was filed in the U.S. Patent Office on June 14, 2002 and assigned U. S. Serial No. 10/172,654; and

WHEREAS, Smith & Nephew, Inc., a Delaware corporation having an office at 1450 Brooks Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38116, desires to purchase same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid by Smith & Nephew, Inc., the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto Smith & Nephew, Inc., in and for the United States and its territories and foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said utility application and any application claiming priority thereto, in and to the invention therein set forth and in and to any patent which may issue on said utility application or any reissue, renewal, divisional, or continuation thereof; and we hereby bind ourselves, our 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 which 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.

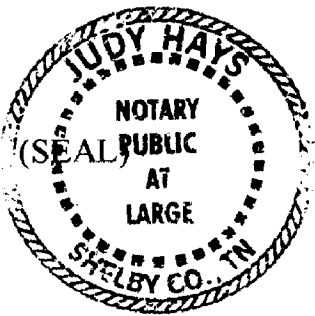
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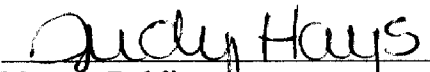
August, 2002.


Joseph FERRANTE

STATE OF Tennessee)
COUNTY OF Shelby) ss.

On this 6 day of August, 2002, before me, a notary public, came Joseph FERRANTE, to me known and known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he duly acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.



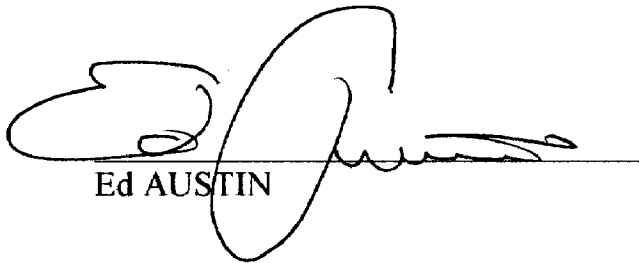

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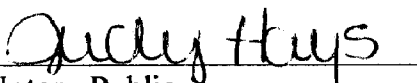
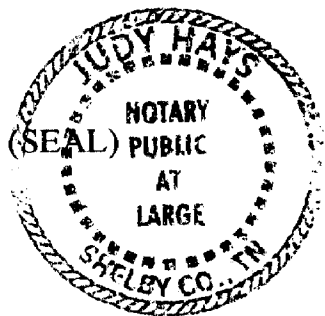
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Ed AUSTIN

STATE OF Tennessee)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Shelby)

On this 6 day of August, 2002, before me, a notary public, came Ed AUSTIN, to me known and known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he duly acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.



Judy Hays
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

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31 January 2004

