

ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION AND PATENT APPLICATIONS

For value received, we, CENTER FOR TRIBOLOGY, INC. of 1711 Dell Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008, USA (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto NEVMET CORPORATION located at 1135 Terminal Way, Suite 209, Reno, NV 89502, USA, and their successors or assigns (hereinafter ASSIGNEE) 100% (one hundred percent) of our right, title and interest in and to the following:

- (A) invention entitled "MULTIPORTAL DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PERCUTANEOUS SURGERY", fully owned by ASSIGNOR;
- (B) application for United States patent therefore No 10-136,548 filed May 1, 2002, titled Multiportal Device and Method for Percutaneous Surgery, assigned by its inventors Norm Gitis, Todd Alamin, Aleksandr Meyman, Oleg Shulepov and Mikhail Faynberg to Center for Tribology, Inc. on April 7 - 14, 2002; US Patent and Trademark Office Recordation of Assignment Date May 1, 2002, reel/frame 012863/0533;
- (C) application for United States patent therefore No 10-145,488 filed May 15, 2002, titled Multiportal Device with Linked Cannulae and Method for Percutaneous Surgery, assigned by its inventors Norm Gitis, Todd Alamin, Aleksandr Meyman, Oleg Shulepov and Mikhail Faynberg to Center for Tribology, Inc. on May 7, 2002; US Patent and Trademark Office Recordation of Assignment Date May 15, 2002, reel/frame 012903/0222;
- (D) application for United States patent therefore No 10-146,304 filed May 16, 2002, titled Multiportal Device with Linked Segmented Cannulae and Method for Percutaneous Surgery, assigned by its inventors Norm Gitis, Todd Alamin, Aleksandr Meyman, Oleg Shulepov and Mikhail Faynberg to Center for Tribology, Inc. on May 7 - 8, 2002; US Patent and Trademark Office Recordation of Assignment Date May 16, 2002, reel/frame 012914/0686;
- (E) and any applications which are continuations, continuations-in-part, substitutes, or divisions of said applications.

ASSIGNOR authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any resulting patents as follows: 0% to ASSIGNOR, 100% to ASSIGNEE.

ASSIGNOR hereby further sells, assigns, transfers and sets over unto ASSIGNEE, the above 100% (one hundred per cent) of ASSIGNOR'S entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention in each and every country foreign to the United States; and ASSIGNOR further conveys to ASSIGNEE the above percentage of all priority rights resulting from the above-identified application of the United States patent. ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all papers, give any required testimony, and perform any other lawful acts, at ASSIGNEE' expense, as ASSIGNEE may require to enable ASSIGNEE to perfect ASSIGNEE' interests in any resulting patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto, and to acquire, hold, enforce, convey, and uphold the validity of said patent and reissues and extensions thereof, and ASSIGNEE'S interests therein.

In testimony whereof ASSIGNOR has hereunto sets his hand on the date below:

Norm Gitis as the President & CEO
of CENTER FOR TRIBOLOGY, Inc.

Norm Gitis

Date 10-04-2002

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