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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned,

Name(s) of Inventor(s) Mark D. Hanes

maker of an invention which is the subject of a United States Patent application entitled

Title of Application REDUCED WEAR ORTHOPAEDIC IMPLANT APPARATUS AND METHOD

the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s), and set(s) over to

Name of Assignee DePuy Products, Inc.

Address of principal place of business P.O. Box 988, 700 Orthopaedic Drive
Warsaw, Indiana 46581-0988

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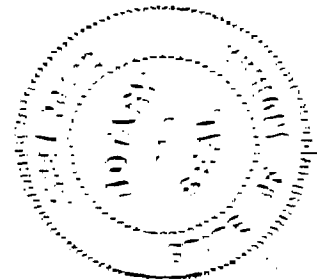
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