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APPENDIX C  
ASSIGNMENT

D. Greg Anderson, M.D., an individual, (hereinafter "Assignor"), in consideration of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) and other valuable consideration paid by

DePuy AcroMed, Inc.

a corporation of Massachusetts, having its principal place of business at 325 Paramount Drive, Raynham, MA 02767, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto

DePuy AcroMed, Inc.,

(hereinafter, "Assignee") their successors and assigns, the entire interest for the United States of America and all foreign countries including all rights of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property in the Pre-Existing Intellectual Property (as defined in the Product Development Agreement between D. Greg Anderson, M.D. and DePuy AcroMed, Inc.), including but not limited to:

U.S. Patent No. 6,358,254, issued March 19, 2002, entitled, "Method and Implant for Expanding a Spinal Canal" (U.S. Application Serial No. 09/659,180, filed Sept. 11, 2000);

International Patent Application No. PCT/US01/26964, entitled "Method and Implant for Expanding a Spinal Canal," filed 29 August 2001 (claiming priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/659,180, filed Sept. 11, 2000); and

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/102,525, entitled "Percutaneous Technique and Implant for Expanding the Spinal Canal, filed March 19, 2002 (a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/659,180, filed Sept. 11, 2000)

in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in all Letters Patent of the United States and all foreign countries which may or shall be granted on said invention, or any parts thereof, or on said application, or any divisional, continuing, reissue or other applications based in whole or in part thereon. And Assignor agrees, for itself and its executors and administrators, with said Assignees and their successors and assigns but at the Assignees expense and charge, hereafter to execute all applications, amended specifications, deed or other instrument, and to do all acts necessary or proper to secure the grant of Letters Patent in the United States and in all other countries to said corporation, with specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by the counsel of said corporation and to vest and confirm in said Assignees, their successors and assigns, the legal title to all such patents.

And I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said application or applications based thereon to said Assignees, their successors and assigns.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 2003.

By: D. Ceum, m.b.

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County of LOS ANGELES )ss

Then personally appeared the above named DAVID GREG ANDERSON and  
acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me, this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of FEB, 2003.

Karron Cook  
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