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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE,

Peter STEIGER, a citizen of Switzerland, residing at Wysshölzlistrasse 34, CH-3360 Herzogenbuchsee, Switzerland; and

Peter BRUNNER, a citizen of Switzerland, residing at ~~Effingerstrasse 93, CH-3008 Bern~~, Switzerland
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ASSIGNORS, are the inventors of the invention:

DEVICE FOR CONNECTING SURGICAL CLEARING OR DRILLING TOOL COMPONENTS

for which we have executed an application for a Patent of the United States:

- which is identified by Pennie & Edmonds LLP docket no. 8932-718-999
- which was filed on March 27, 2003 as Application No. 10/397,518
- which was executed on even date herewith

AND WHEREAS, **SYNTHES (USA)**, ASSIGNEE, a General Partnership existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and having a place of business at 1690 Russell Road, Paoli, PA 19301, is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application in the United States and its possessions and territories, Canada and its possessions and territories, the Bahamas, and Bermuda, (hereinafter "the geographic locations"):

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said **SYNTHES (USA)**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention in the geographic locations, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection in the geographic locations, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any of the geographic locations, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the geographic location in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection in the geographic locations, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any of the geographic locations and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof, and

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any of the geographic locations, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the respective ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date 25 6., 2003

x Peter Steiger L.S.
Peter STEIGER

R. Schneider
Witness (signature)

Rolf Schneider
Typed Name of Witness

Date 19 / 6, 2003

x Peter Brunner L.S.
Peter BRUNNER

Isabelle Anacker
Witness (signature)

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