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Leominster, MA 01453, hereby assign to:

Optim, Inc., a corporation of Massachusetts having a place of business at:

64 Technology Park Road
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its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of an application for United States Patent signed by us, entitled REUSABLE INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED SYSTEMS AND METHODS, filed March 18, 2003, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 10/391,479, and this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes; and we authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in our name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements; and we agree for ourselves and our respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Sturbridge MA,

this 9th day of July, 2003

Robert J. Krupa L.S.
ROBERT J. KRUPA

State of Massachusetts

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Before me this 9th day of July, 2003, personally appeared ROBERT J. KRUPA known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

Robert W. Goff
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