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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We,

- (1) Hai H. Trieu of Cordova
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- (2) Michael C. Sherman of Memphis
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- (3) Bret M. Berry of Jacksonville
State of Florida, USA

have invented certain improvements in

COMPRESSIBLE CORPECTOMY DEVICE

for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, SDGI Holdings, Inc. (d/b/a/ Medtronic Sofamor Danek) (Assignee), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal office and place of business at 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 508, Wilmington, DE 19801, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application in the United States of America and in any and all countries foreign thereto;

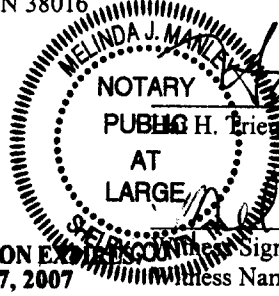
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AND WE HEREBY covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

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

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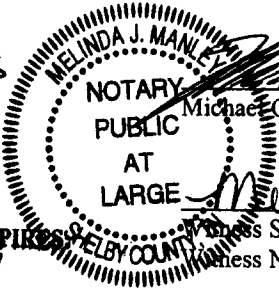
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