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ASSIGNMENT

We, Alfred S. Despres III and Daniel E. E. Hayes, Jr., residing respectively at 4607 Hillwood Dr., Shingle Springs, CA 95682 and 6500 Wagon Loop, Placerville, CA 95667, having invented improvements in MODULAR FEMORAL STEM COMPONENT FOR A HIP JOINT PROSTHESIS and having executed an application for United States patent describing the same and based thereon (and we hereby authorize our attorney(s), authorized to prosecute said application, to here insert the filing date and serial number of said application, when known, Serial No. 09/909,923, filed 07/20/2001), for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged from DePuy Products, Inc., a _____ corporation having a place of business at 700 Orthopaedic Drive, Warsaw, IN 46581, hereinafter called the Assignee (which term shall include its successors and assigns), do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the Assignee our entire right, title, and interest, in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto, in and to and under said application (which term shall include hereinafter where the context so admits all divisional, continuing, reissue and other patent applications based thereon) and the inventions (which term shall include each and every such invention, or any part thereof) therein described, and any and all patents and like rights of exclusion (including extensions thereof) of any country which may be granted on or for said inventions or on said application.

And for the same consideration we do also hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the Assignee all our rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and all other treaties of like purpose in respect of said inventions and said application and we do hereby authorize the Assignee to apply in our names or its own name for patents and like rights of exclusion on or for said inventions in all countries, claiming (if the Assignee so desires) the priority of the filing date of said application under the provisions of said Convention or any such other treaty;

And for the same consideration we do hereby jointly and severally agree for ourselves and for our respective heirs, executors and administrators, promptly upon request of the Assignee, to execute and deliver without further compensation any power of attorney, assignment, original, divisional, continuing, reissue or other application or applications for

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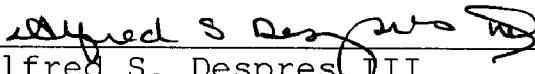
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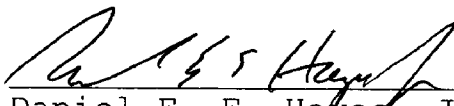
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And we do hereby jointly and severally covenant for ourselves and for our respective legal representatives and agree with the Assignee that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said inventions to anyone except the Assignee, that prior to the execution of this deed our right, title and interest in and to said inventions has not been otherwise encumbered by us, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and seals on the day and year hereinafter noted.



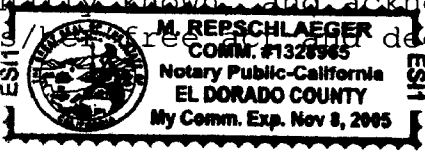
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Before me this 18th day of August, 2003,
personally appeared Alfred S. Despres III, who is to me
personally known, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to
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