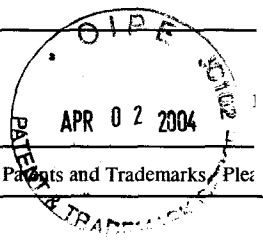


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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Ple:

of.

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Michael E. Landry, Larry T. Khoo, Erik J. Wagner, Charles R. Forton; and Robert J. Jones

Additional names of conveying parties attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party:

Name: Spinal Concepts, Inc.

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 5301 Riata Park Court, Bldg F

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SPINAL STABILIZATION SYSTEMS AND METHODS USING MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGICAL PROCEDURES

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FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, does hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to Spinal Concepts, Inc. (the "Assignee"), having a place of business at 5301 Riata Park Court, Bldg F, Austin TX 78727 the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, Serial No. 10/698,010 filed on October 30, 2003, and is entitled "SPINAL STABILIZATION SYSTEMS AND METHODS USING MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGICAL PROCEDURES", such application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of such improvements; all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application in the United States;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such improvements to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT that, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements and for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee;

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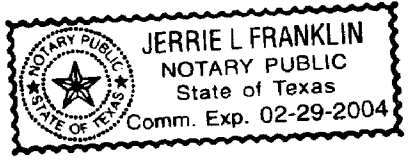
(Signature) Michael E. Landry
Name: Michael E. Landry

Date: 12/16/03

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 16th day of December, 2003, personally appeared Michael E. Landry, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledge to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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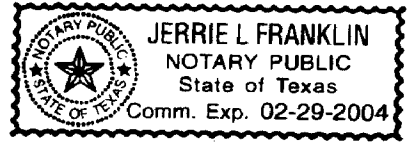
(Signature) Larry T. Khoo
Name: Larry T. Khoo

Date: 12/18/2003

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 18th day of December, 2003, personally appeared Larry T. Khoo, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledge to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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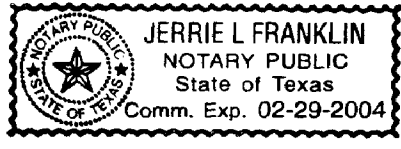
(Signature) Erik J. Wagner
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 16th day of December, 2003, personally appeared Erik J. Wagner, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledge to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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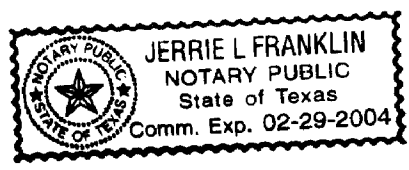
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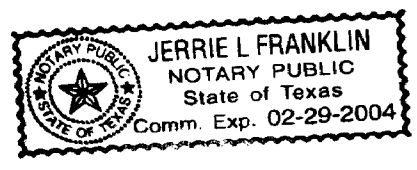
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