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THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by Gordon Hunter and Vivek Pawar (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing at 8394 Drury Lane, Germantown, Tennessee 38139; and 3835 Tamarron Circle, #102, Memphis, Tennessee 38125, respectively;

WHEREAS, Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in OXIDIZED ZIRCONIUM ON A POROUS STRUCTURE FOR BONE IMPLANT USE, set forth in a Patent application for Letters Patent of the United States, already filed on December 16, 2003 as U.S. application No. 10/737,568; and

WHEREAS, Smith & Nephew Inc., a Corporation organized under and pursuant to the laws of Delaware having its principal place of business at Smith & Nephew, Inc., 1450 Brooks Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38116 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefore and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions and application for Letters Patent, and in and to any and all direct and indirect divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, and any and all Letters Patent in the United States and all foreign countries which may be granted therefore and thereon, and reissues, reexaminations and extensions of said Letters Patent, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, for its own use and benefit and the use and benefit of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent may be

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AND Assignors acknowledge an obligation of assignment of this invention to Assignee at the time the invention was made.

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Signature: 
GORDON HUNTER

Date: 3/22/04

Signature: 
VIVEK PAWAR