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ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, we, RAY BOJARSKI of Attleboro, MA 02703 and GEORGE SIKORA of Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02324

United States of America, hereby assign to:

Smith & Nephew, Inc., a corporation of Delaware having a place of business at:

1450 Brooks Road
Memphis, TN 38116; and

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 SUTURE LOADING, filed January 28, 2004, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 10/765,214, and we authorize and request the attorneys appointed in said application to hereafter complete this assignment by inserting above the filing date and serial number of said application when known; 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 Andover, Massachusetts,

this 7th day of June, 2004

Ray Bojarski
RAY BOJARSKI

L.S.

State of Massachusetts :

ESSEX : ss.

County of Bristol :

Before me this 7 day of JUNE, 2004, personally appeared RAY BOJARSKI 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.

Marie P. Conzem
Notary Public MARIE P. CONZEM
My Commission Expires: 9/18/09

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Andover Ma.,
this 7th day of June, 2004
George Sikora L.S.
GEORGE SIKORA

State of MASS. :

: ss.

County of ESSEX :

Before me this 7 day of JUNE, 2004, personally
appeared GEORGE SIKORA 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.

Marie P. Conemi
Notary Public marie p. conemi
My Commission Expires: 9/18/09

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