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WHEREAS, Douglas Raymond residing at 159 Bittersweet Lane, #112, Randolph, MA, 02368, James Rovceda residing at 780 Boylston Street, #17G, Boston, MA, 02199, Brian Murphy residing at 165 School Street, Quincy, MA 02169, Christopher Sicvol residing at 520 Columbus Avenue, No. 3, Boston, MA 02118, Sean Selover residing at 58 Lighthouse Lane, Westport, MA 02790, Erasmo Lopez residing at 2 Woodlands Way, No. 233, Abington, MA 02351 and Ramon Ruberte residing at 2001 Falls Blvd., Apt. 346, Quincy, MA 02169 (hereinafter called "Assignors"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

Device and Methods for Inserting a Spinal Fixation Element

for which they have on this day executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, DePuy Spine, Inc., a corporation of the State of Ohio, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to them moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee their entire right, title and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors further covenant and agree that they will, whenever requested, but without cost to them promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute

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WITNESS my hand and seal this 6 day of April, 2005.

By: *Douglas Raymond*
Douglas Raymond

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On this 6 day of April, 2005 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Douglas Raymond, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which ~~were~~ was personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

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WITNESS my hand and seal this 6th day of April, 2005.

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On this 6th day of April, 2005 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Brian Murphy, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

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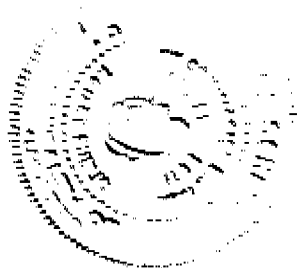
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On this 19 day of April, 2005 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Christopher Sicvol, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which ~~were~~ ~~was~~ ~~personally~~ ~~known~~ ~~to~~ me, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

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By: *James Roveda*
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By: [Signature]
Erasmio Lopez

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On this 6 day of April, 2005 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Erasmio Lopez, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which ~~were~~ ^{were} personally known, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

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WITNESS my hand and seal this 06 day of April, 2005.

By: *Ramon Ruberte*
Ramon Ruberte

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On this 6 day of April, 2005 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Ramon Ruberte, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which ~~were~~ was personally known, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

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