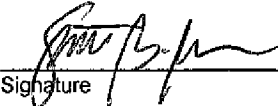


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For valuable consideration, we, Mark Markel, of 2141 Middleton Beach Road, Middleton, WI 53562; Yan Lu, of 5695 Claredon Drive, Fitchburg, WI 53711; and Ryland B. Edwards III, of 3081 Baskerville Avenue, Middleton, WI 53562; hereby assign to SMITH & 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 which are the subject of an application for United States Patent signed by us, entitled CARTILAGE TREATMENT PROBE, filed November 30, 2004, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 10/999,230, this assignment including said application and any continuations and divisionals, any and all United States and foreign patents, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions, 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 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.

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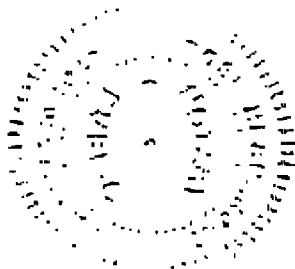
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On July 5, 2005, before me, the undersigned, a notary public for the State of Wisconsin there personally appeared MARK MARKEL personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this Assignment, who acknowledged having executed the same in his authorized capacity and that by his signature on this Assignment, the person or the entity upon behalf of which he acted, executed this Assignment.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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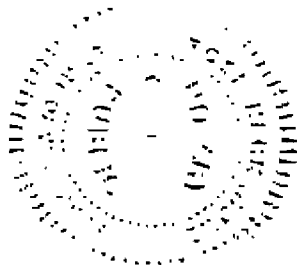
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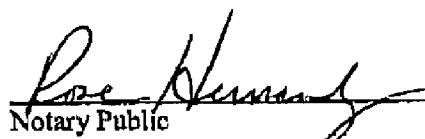
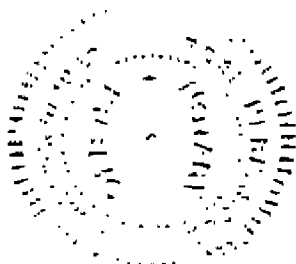
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