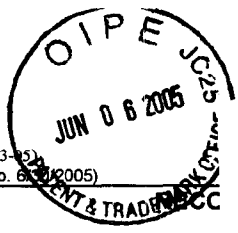


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THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Reinhold Schmieding and R. Donald Grafton, respectively;

WHEREAS, Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in **ACCELERATED HEALING WITH INTRAOPERATIVE COMBINATION OF SUTURE AND AUTOGENEOUS BLOOD COMPONENTS**, set forth in a Patent application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed on even date herewith or filed on April 22, 2005, as U.S. Ser. No. 11/112,003; and

WHEREAS, ARTHREX, INC., a corporation organized under and pursuant to the laws of Delaware having a place of business at Arthrex, Inc., 1370 Creekside Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34108-1945 (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, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other 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 therefor and thereon, and reissues, reexaminations and extensions of said Letters Patent, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property including all rights of priority, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, for its own use and benefit and the use and benefit of its successors, legal

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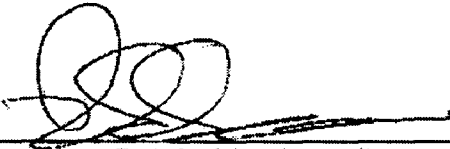
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AND Assignors hereby grant the following individuals the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document:

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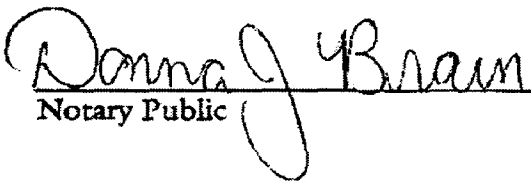


Reinhold Schmieding

Date: 4-22-05

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On this 22 day of APRIL, 2005, before me personally came Reinhold Schmieding, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of the same.




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