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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

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Title of Invention: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING SPINAL FIXATION

Date(s) of execution of Declaration: 27-MAY-2005 ; 01-JUL-2005

Filing Date: January 6, 2005

Application No.: 11/031,506

WHEREAS, *NuVasive, Inc.*, a Corporation of the State of Delaware, located at 4545 Towne Centre Court, San Diego, CA, 92121, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

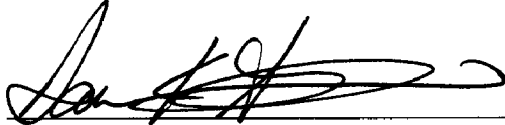
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Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including patent applications and instruments of transfer, and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

Assignors hereby authorize and request Jonathan Spangler, Esq. 4545 Towne Centre Court, San Diego, CA, 92121, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

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