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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **Synthes (USA)**, ASSIGNOR, a Partnership organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and having a place of business at 1302 Wrights Lane East, West Chester, PA 19380, has all right, title and interest in United States Patent Application Ser. No. 10/315,658, which was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 10, 2002, entitled **SURGICAL RETRACTOR SYSTEM**, and all inventions described, disclosed or claimed therein (hereinafter "the Invention");

AND WHEREAS, **Synthes GmbH**, ASSIGNEE, having a place of business at 3 Eimastrasse 3, 4436 Oberdorf, Switzerland, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest to and under the Invention, including the right to bring an action and recover damages for past infringements, if any, in all geographic locations except the United States and its possessions and territories, Canada and its possessions and territories, the Bahamas, and Bermuda (hereinafter "the Excluded Geographic Locations");

AND WHEREAS, **HFSC Company**, ASSIGNEE, a Partnership organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and having a place of business at 1302 Wrights Lane East, West Chester, PA 19380, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest to the Invention, including the right to bring an action and recover damages for past infringement, if any, in the Excluded Geographic Locations;

AND WHEREAS, ASSIGNOR, is desirous of assigning its entire right, title and interest to the Invention to the ASSIGNEES, including the right to bring an action and recover damages for past infringement, if any;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNOR, has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEES, their successors, legal representatives and assigns, all ASSIGNOR'S rights, title and interest in the Invention including the right to bring an action and recover damages for past infringement, if any; and all rights, title and interest in any corresponding patent applications and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said Invention in any country, and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, **Synthes GmbH** shall obtain all said rights, title and interest in the Invention in all geographic regions except the Excluded Geographic Locations; and **HFSC Company** shall obtain all said rights, title, and interest in the Invention in the Excluded Geographic Locations;

AND, ASSIGNOR HERBY covenants and agrees that it has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND ASSIGNOR HEREBY further covenants and agrees that it will communicate to the said ASSIGNEES, their successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to it respecting said Invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEES, their successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said Invention.

AND ASSIGNOR HEREBY further covenants and agrees that it has read this Assignment, knows and understands its contents, and comprehends and agrees to all of its terms, conditions and meanings and their significance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the person executing this Assignment in a representative capacity on behalf of the ASSIGNOR warrants that he/she is fully authorized and empowered to do so and sets his/her hand and seal the day and year set with his/her signature.

ASSIGNOR:                      Synthes (USA)  
Robert M. Rauker              Authorized to sign on behalf of Synthes (USA)  
Signature:                      Robert M Rauker  
Position/Title:                 Chief Patent Counsel  
Address:                         1302 Wrights Lane East  
   West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380  
Date:                               12-14-05

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On 14 December 2005, before me, Joanna Franklin Range Notary Public, personally appeared Robert M. Rauker, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Joanna Franklin Range

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Notarial Seal  
Joanna Franklin Range, Notary Public  
West Goshen Twp., Chester County  
My Commission Expires Aug. 18, 2008

Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

ASSIGNEE: Synthes GmbH

Robert M. Rauker Authorized to sign on behalf of Synthes GmbH

Signature: Robert M Rauker

Position/Title: Chief Patent Counsel

Address: 1302 Wrights Lane East  
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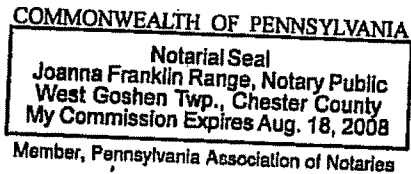
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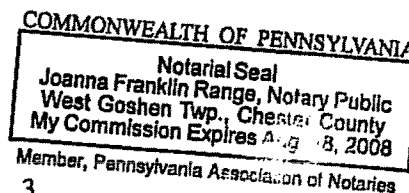
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Joanna Franklin Range



JOINT

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Ross J. Hamel, Sean Kerr, James Velikaris, ASSIGNORS, citizens of the United States, residing at 293 Yorkminster Road, West Chester, PA 19382, 22 Briar Road, Oreland, PA 19075, 4824 Rainbow Ridge Circle, Schwenksville, PA 19473, respectively, are the inventors of the invention in SURGICAL RETRACTOR SYSTEM for which we have executed an application for a Patent of the United States

[X] which declaration is executed on \_\_\_\_\_

[X] which is identified by Pennie & Edmonds LLP docket no. 8932-689-999

[X] which was filed on December 10, 2002, Application No. 10/315,658

[ ] I hereby authorize and request my attorney, , of Pennie & Edmonds, LLP, 1155 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036-2711, to insert here in parentheses (Application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

and WHEREAS, Synthes (USA), ASSIGNEE, a General Partnership existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and having a place of business at 1690 Russell Road, Paoli, PA 19301, is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date March 11, 2003 [Signature] L.S.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2003 \_\_\_\_\_ L.S.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2003 \_\_\_\_\_ L.S.

State of )  
                  ) SS.:  
County of )

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

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State of Pennsylvania )  
County of Chester ) SS.:

Rose J. Handel 3/11 2003, before me, Nancy M. Jenkins, Notary Public, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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Nancy M. Jenkins

**NOTARIAL SEAL**  
Nancy M. Jenkins, Notary Public  
East Goshen Twp., Chester County  
My Commission Expires June 17, 2004



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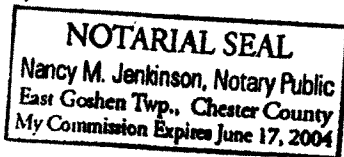
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Date MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> 2003, 2003 [Signature] L.S.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2003 \_\_\_\_\_ L.S.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2003 \_\_\_\_\_ L.S.

State of Pennsylvania )  
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On March 12, 2003, before me, Nancy M. Jenkinson Notary Public, personally appeared Sean Kerr, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, to be the person(s) whose name(s) is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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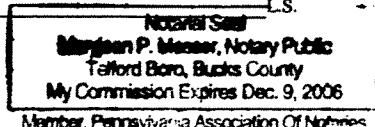
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Date 3/11, 2003 James Velikaris L.S.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2003 \_\_\_\_\_ L.S.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2003 \_\_\_\_\_ L.S.

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.:



On 3/11, 2003, before me, Morgan P. Messer Notary Public, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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