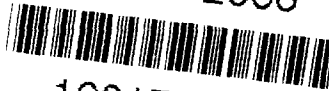


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THIS ASSIGNMENT, by John W. Schmieding (hereinafter referred to as Assignor), residing at 9839 Clear Lake Circle, Naples, Florida 34109;

WHEREAS, Assignor has invented certain new and useful improvements in HIGH STRENGTH SUTURE WITH PBO, set forth in a Patent application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, Arthrex, Inc., a Corporation organized under and pursuant to the laws of Delaware having a place of business at 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, Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does 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 representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent may be granted

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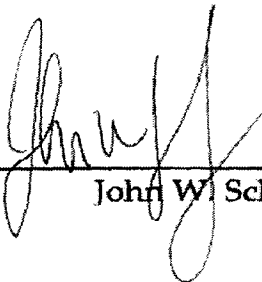
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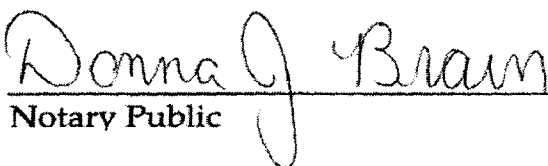


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