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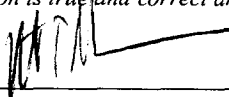
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Thomas M. Soukup, Gregory L. Townsend, Mark A. Pederson, and William Frank Kuester III, of 6631 Ives Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55369; 3402 Pilgrim Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441; 4212 Beard Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55410; and 11191 Aberdeen St. NE, Blaine, MN 55449; respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in HANDLE AND ARTICULATOR SYSTEM AND METHOD, for which a utility application has been made, said application which may be identified in the United States Patent Office by Application No. 11/298,548, filed December 9, 2005.

WHEREAS, Synovis Life Technologies, Inc., a Minnesota corporation of 2575 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55114-1024, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to us in hand paid by said Assignee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in and to said utility application, hereto including the inventions therein described and claimed and to any other application from which those applications claim priority in whole or in part including, but not limited to, all renewals, reissues, extensions, substitutions, continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, or any other applications which claim any priority rights thereof; all foreign applications based thereon; all United States or foreign Letters Patents which may issue with respect to such applications and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the above mentioned Assignee in accordance herewith; all rights to enforce patent rights to such applications and Letters Patents as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor if this assignment had not been made; together with all claims by Assignor for damages by reason of past infringement or for provisional rights and including the right to sue for, and collect the same for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

We further authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent, in its own name if desired, in any and all foreign countries, and additionally to claim the filing date of said United States application and/or otherwise take advantage of the provisions of the International Convention.

Upon said consideration we do hereby covenant and agree with the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, that we will not execute in writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that we or our executors or administrators will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, execute such additional writings and do such additional acts as said Assignee, its successors and assigns, may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights occurring as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents.

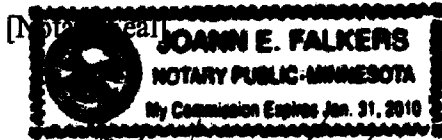
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seal as dated below.

Date: 01/26/06

Thomas M. Soukup
Thomas M. Soukup

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of January, 2006.

Joann E. Falkers
Notary Public

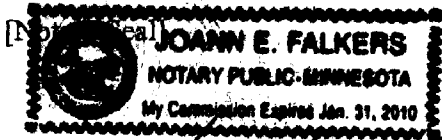


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Gregory L. Townsend
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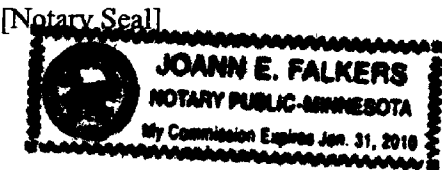


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Mark A. Pederson
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Date: 31 Jan 2006

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William Frank Kuester, III

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