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ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, we, LAIRD L. HATCH of Cave Creek, AZ, and JAMES J. SULLIVAN of Shrewsbury, MA, hereby assign to Orthopaedic Biosystems Ltd., Inc., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 1450 Brooks Road, Memphis, TN 38116; and its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of an application for United States Patent signed by us, entitled SUTURE PASSING SURGICAL INSTRUMENT, filed \_\_\_\_\_, and assigned U.S. Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_, and we authorize and request the attorneys appointed in said application to hereafter complete this assignment by inserting above the filing date and serial number of said application when known; this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes; and we authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in our name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements; and we agree for ourselves and our respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Scottsdale, Arizona, USA,  
this 9 day of MAY, 20 02  
Laird L. Hatch L.S.  
LAIRD L. HATCH

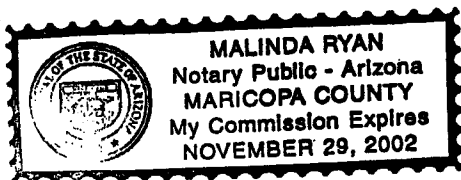
State of Az :  
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County of MARICOPA :

Before me this 9 day of MAY, 20 02, personally  
appeared LAIRD L. HATCH known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the  
foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for  
the purposes therein contained.

Malinda Ryan  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 11-29-02

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Monrofield,  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2002  
James J. Sullivan L.S.  
JAMES J. SULLIVAN

State of MASS :  
: ss.

County of BRISTOL :

Before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002, personally  
appeared JAMES J. SULLIVAN known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the  
foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for  
the purposes therein contained.

Lucille E. Foley  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: April 14, 2006

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