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**ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT**

For valuable consideration, **Eric S. Heinz**, of 3698 Johnwood Drive, Memphis, TN 38122; hereby assign his right, title, and interest in and to the improvements in a **VERTEBRAL FUSION IMPLANTS AND METHODS OF USE**, which is disclosed in a U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith to **SDGI Holdings, Inc.**, of 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 308, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801, for United States Patent and any and all patents granted therefore, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, and renewals of and substitutes for said application or for said Patent, and all the rights and privileges under any and all Patents that may be granted therefor in any country, and any reissues, or reexaminations, or extensions of said Patents to be held and enjoyed by **SDGI Holdings, Inc.**, its successors, and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by **Eric S. Heinz** had this assignment not been made.

April 12, 2006  
Date

  
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Eric S. Heinz

**ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT**

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I, Toni D. Greer, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that Eric S. Heinz personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

12<sup>th</sup> day of April

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