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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Florian Beutter, ASSIGNOR, citizen of Switzerland residing at Wengistrasse 40, Solothurn, Switzerland CH-4500 am the inventor of the invention(s) disclosed, described and/or claimed in BONE CLAMP for which I have filed international patent application No. PCT/CH2003/000369 filed on June 11, 2003 (hereinafter, "the Invention") and for which I have executed an application for a Patent of the United States having application number 11/299,117 and filed on December 8, 2005, and identified as Jones Day Docket No. 8932-1145-999 (232200-999289)

AND WHEREAS, SYNTHES GmbH, ASSIGNEE, Eimattstrasse 3, 4436 Oberdorf, Switzerland is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under all the said invention(s) as described, disclosed and/or claimed in the above-identified application:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said ASSIGNOR, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and 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 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, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Laws of the United States 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 and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; including all applications for industrial property, 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 I HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner for Patents 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 I HEREBY covenant and agree that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said Invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said Invention in all countries.

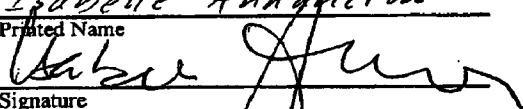
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my/our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date: Feb. 22nd, 2006

 L.S.
Florian Beutter

WITNESS

Date: Feb 22nd, 2006

Isabelle Anna Maria
Printed Name

Signature