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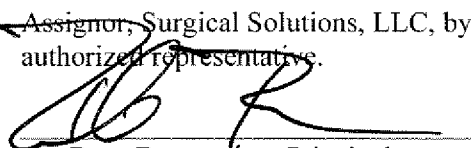
For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR, Surgical Solutions, LLC, a California limited liability company, hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE, DePuy Mitek, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and its territorial possessions, and in all foreign countries, in and to the Issued Patents and Pending Patent Applications that are identified in the "Schedule A" attached hereto, and all inventions contained therein, and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority, and in and to all Letters Patent to be obtained for said inventions by the above application(s), or any continuation, division, continuation-in-part, extension, conversion to 35 USC 111(a) or substitute thereof, and any reissue, reexamination or extension of said Letters Patent and under all International Conventions for the Protection of Industrial Property;

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**ASSIGNED PATENT APPLICATIONS**

<b>File</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Next Action Due Payee's Address Estimated Amount Due</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Due Within 180 Days</b>
<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAD.01</b> U.S. Design Patent Application "SUTURE NEEDLE" Serial No.: 29/195,474 Filing Date: December 11, 2003	Pending	n/a  USPTO P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA, 22313- 1450	n/a	n/a
<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAD.01.AU</b> Australian Design Patent Application "SUTURE NEEDLE" Serial No.: 606/2004 Filing Date: February 19, 2004	First Official Report received – case is now pending	n/a  Payee: Australian Patent Office Paid via Davies Collison Cave GPO Box 3876 Sydney, New South Wales Australia 2001	n/a	n/a
<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAD.01.CA</b> Canadian Design Patent Application "SUTURE NEEDLE" Serial No.: 105,901 Filing Date: December 2, 2004	Pending – Awaiting Office Action	n/a  Payee: Canadian Patent Office Paid via Fetherstonhaugh 438 University Avenue, Suite 1500, Box 111 Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5G 2K8	n/a	n/a
<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAD.01.EP</b> European Design Patent Application "SUTURE NEEDLE" Registration No.: 000172572-0001 Registration Date: April 7, 2004	Certificate of Registration dated April 7, 2004	First maintenance fee due  Payee: European Patent Office Paid via Viering, Jentschura & Partner Steinsdorfstr. 6 80538 Munchen Deutschland	April 7, 2009	n/a
<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAD.01.JP</b> Japanese Design Patent Application "SUTURE NEEDLE" Serial No.: 2004-10812 Filing Date: April 8, 2004	Pending – awaiting Office Action	n/a  Payee: Japanese Patent Office Paid via Nakamura & Partners New Tokyo Building 3-1, Marunouchi 3- Chome, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo 100-8355 Japan	n/a	n/a

<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAU.02</b> U.S. Utility Patent Application “EXPANDABLE NEEDLE SUTURE APPARATUS AND ASSOCIATED HANDLE ASSEMBLY” Serial No.: 10/803,406 Filing Date: March 17, 2004	Pending -- awaiting Office Action	n/a  USPTO P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA, 22313- 1450	n/a	n/a
<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAU.02.PCT</b> International Patent Application “EXPANDABLE NEEDLE SUTURE APPARATUS AND ASSOCIATED HANDLE ASSEMBLY” Application No.: PCT/US04/08669 Filing Date: March 18, 2004	Pending	Case to enter National Phase  Payee: The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland	September 18, 2005	No
<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAU.04</b> U.S. Utility Patent Application “SUTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD” Serial No.: 10/255,523 Filing Date: September 25, 2002	Pending	n/a  USPTO P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA, 22313- 1450	n/a	n/a
<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAU.04.AU</b> Title: Suturing Apparatus and Method Serial No.: 2002327065 Filing Date: 09/25/2002	Pending -- awaiting Office Action	n/a  Payee: Australian Patent Office Paid via Spruson & Ferguson GPO Box 3898 Sydney NSW 2001 Australia	n/a	n/a
<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAU.04.CA</b> Canadian Patent Application “SUTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD” Serial No.: 2,462,558 Filing Date: September 25, 2002	Pending	Maintenance fee due  Payee: Canadian Patent Office Paid via Fetherstonhaugh 438 University Avenue, Suite 1500, Box 111 Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5G 2K8	September 25, 2005	n/a

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<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAU.04.JP</b> Japanese Patent Application “SUTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD” Serial No.: 2003-531877 Filing Date: September 25, 2002	Pending	Request for Examination due  Payee: Japanese Patent Office Paid via Nakamura & Partners New Tokyo Building 3-1, Marunouchi 3-Chome, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo 100-8355 Japan	September 22, 2005	No
<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAU.04.A</b> U.S. Utility Divisional Patent Application “SUTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD” Serial No.: 10/831,441 Filing Date: April 22, 2004	Pending – Awaiting next Office Action	n/a  USPTO P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450	n/a	n/a
<b>Our Ref. No.:</b> <b>SUS1.PAU.08</b> Provisional Patent Application Title: SUTURE MANIPULATION SYSTEM WITH ROTATIONAL FINGERS Serial No.: 60/604,243 Filing Date: 08/24/2004	Filed.	Non-provisional application and any related PCT and/or foreign application must be filed by August 23, 2005  USPTO P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450	August 23, 2005	No