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ASSIGNMENT (Joint)

Hugues F. MALANDAIN, residing at 101 E. Middlefield Road, #11, Mountain View, CA 94043, Avram Allan EDIDIN, residing at 1221 Crossman Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94089 and Andrew C. KOHM, residing at 1210 Floribunda Ave. #4, Burlingame, California 94010 (each referred to as "Assignor") have made an invention(s) (the "Invention(s)") set forth in an application for patent of the United States, entitled **PERCUTANEOUS SPINAL IMPLANTS AND METHODS**, and which is a:

- (1) [] provisional application
 (a) [] to be filed herewith; or
 (b) [] bearing Application No. , and filed on ; or
- (2) [X] non-provisional application
 - (a) [] to be filed herewith; or
 - (b) [X] bearing Application No. 11/454,194, and filed on June 16, 2006.

WHEREAS, Kyphon Inc., a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at 1221 Crossman Avenue, Sunnyvale, California, 94089 (the "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in: the Invention(s); the application for patent identified in paragraph (1) or (2); the right to file applications for patent of the United States or other countries on the Invention(s); any application(s) for patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to these application(s); any provisional or other right to recover damages, including royalties, for prior infringements of these applications; and any patent(s) of the United States or other countries that may be granted therefor or thereon.

- NOW, THEREFORE, for good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and to the extent that the Assignor has not done so already via a prior agreement with the Assignee, or if the Assignor has already done so via a prior agreement with the Assignee then in confirmation of any obligation to do so in said prior agreement, the Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents does sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, the Assignor's entire right, title, and interest in:
 - (a) the Invention(s);
 - (b) the application for patent identified in paragraph (1) or (2);
 - (c) the right to file applications for patent of the United States or other countries on the Invention(s), including all rights under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and under the Patent Cooperation Treaty;

- (d) any application(s) for patent of the United States or other countries claiming the Invention(s);
- (e) any application(s) for patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to the application for patent identified in paragraph (1) or (2) or any application(s) for patent claiming the Invention(s), including any division(s), continuation(s), and continuation(s)-in-part; and
- (f) any provisional or other right to recover damages, including royalties, for prior infringements of any application for patent identified in the preceding paragraphs (b)-(e); and
- (g) any patent(s) of the United States or other countries that may be granted for or on any application for patent identified in the preceding paragraphs (b) (e), including any reissue(s) and extension(s) of said patent(s).

The above-granted rights, titles, and interests are to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, for its own use and behalf and the use and behalf of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor had this sale and assignment not been made.

The Assignor hereby represents to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, or if applicable, at such time said prior agreement was executed, the Assignor is a lawful owner of an undivided interest in the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Invention(s), that the Invention(s) are unencumbered, except, if applicable, by obligation to assign in accordance with said prior agreement, and that the Assignor has good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner set forth herein.

The Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to and with the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, that the Assignor will sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done in connection with any and all proceedings for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of the Invention(s), said applications, and said patents, including interference proceedings, without charge to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, but at the cost and expense of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

The Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of COOLEY GODWARD L.L.P. to insert in the spaces provided above the filing date, the application number, and the attorney docket number of the application identified in paragraph (1) or (2) when known.

The Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said patents of the United States to the Assignee for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

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Date: By: Hug	ues F. MALANDAIN
State of California	
County of Sunta Clara	
On September 17, 2006, before me, Dana Rubenskein, happeared Hugues F Malandain, personally known to me or p satisfactory evidence, to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the san capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument	subscribed to the within he in his/h er/thei r authorized
upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. WITNESS my hand and official seal.	DANA RUBENSTEIN Commission # 1412307 Notary Public - California
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Date: 10/3/06	By: Avram Allan EDIDIN
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satisfactory evidence, to be the person(s) instrument and acknowledged to me that he/sh	whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within e/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized re(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity
upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, exec	uted the instrument. Commission # 1412307
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Date: $\frac{9/27/06}{}$ By: $\frac{6}{}$	Per -
	Andrew C. KOHM
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On <u>September 27, 2006</u> , before me, Dana Rubenstein appeared Andrew C. Kohm, personally known to me or	Notary Public personally
appeared Andrew C. Kohm , personally known to me or	proved to me on the basis of
satisfactory evidence, to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/ar	e subscribed to the within
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upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.	Commission # 1412307
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