

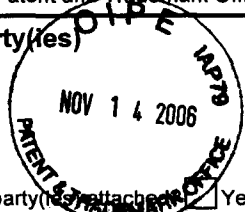
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WHEREAS, the undersigned, **Thilo Fliedner**, a citizen of Germany, residing at ~~Lilienthalallee 5, 80034~~ München, Germany herein referred to as "ASSIGNOR"), is the inventor of certain inventions or improvements for **TUBULAR SUPPORT PROSTHESIS WITH LATERALLY OVERLAPPING ARCS OF CURVATURE** for which he has, on the date indicated below next to his signature, executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, **AXETIS AG**, a corporation of Switzerland, having a principal place of business at Gerbergasse 5, 8023 Zurich, Switzerland, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention or improvements and in and to said application for patent, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent which may be granted on or as a result thereof in the United States or in any other country;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or improvements and said application and any and all continuations, divisions, and renewals of and substitutes for said application, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent which may be granted on or as a result thereof in the United States and its possessions and territories and in all other countries, and any reissue or reissues or extension or extensions of said Letters Patent, the same to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, nominees or legal representatives, to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent respectively may be granted, reissued or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this assignment, sale and transfer not been made.

AND the undersigned ASSIGNOR does hereby covenant that he has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he has not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and further covenant and agree that he will, each time request is made and without undue delay, execute and deliver all such papers as may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention or improvements, said application and said Letters Patent in said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, nominees, or legal representatives, and agree to communicate to said ASSIGNEE or to its nominees all known facts respecting said invention or improvements, said application and said Letters Patent, to testify in any legal proceedings, to sign all lawful papers, to execute all disclaimers and divisional, continuing, and reissue applications, to make all rightful oaths, and generally to do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, nominees and legal representatives to obtain and enforce, for its own benefit, proper patent protection for


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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ASSIGNOR has hereunto set his hand and seal, intending to be legally bound.

Date: 11/08/06

By: 
Thilo Fliedner

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