

PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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City:	Minneapolis						
State/Country:	MINNESOTA						
Postal Code:	55439-2029						
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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION AND PATENTS THEREON

WHEREAS, we, Hugh D. Hestad and W. Matthew Kuester, invented a new and improved MINIMALLY INVASIVE VERTEBRAL ANCHOR ACCESS SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED METHOD as fully disclosed in an application for Patent and executed by me on _____, Serial No. _____ preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and whereas, Zimmer Spine, Inc. a corporation organized under the Laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal office at 7375 Bush Lake Road, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55439-2029 desires to acquire the entire interest in and to the subject-matter disclosed in said application and in and to all patents issued or to be issued thereon. We hereby authorize and request any one of the attorneys of Wood, Herron & Evans, L.L.P., 441 Vine Street, 2700 Carew Tower, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, to insert herein the application serial number and filing date of said application when known.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Zimmer Spine, Inc. my entire right, title and interest in and to the subject-matter disclosed in said application and in and to all Letters Patent Domestic and Foreign issued or to be obtained thereon, including all rights and interests with priority rights under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the International Patent Cooperative Union, European Patent Convention, Common Market Convention, or any other Convention or Union for each country of said Convention or Union; and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the Letters Patent granted on said application and all future patents granted upon the subject-matter disclosed therein to the above named Assignee, its legal representatives and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Edina, this 5th day of Dec, 2006

[Signature] L.S.
Hugh D. Hestad

STATE OF Minnesota :
COUNTY OF Dakota :ss.

Before me this 5th day of December 2006, personally appeared Hugh D. Hestad, a citizen of US residing in Edina, MN and particularly at 6121 Abbott Ave. S., Edina MN 55410, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1/31/11



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at EDINA,

this 5TH day of Dec, 2006

W. Matthew Kuester L.S.
W. Matthew Kuester

STATE OF :
COUNTY OF :

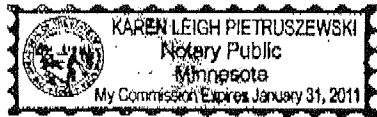
Before me this 5th day of December 2006, personally appeared W. Matthew Kuester, a citizen of US residing in St. Louis Park, MN and particularly at 4645 * Park Commons Dr., #316, St. Louis Park, MN 55416, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

1/31/2011

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