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ASSIGNMENT BY INVENTOR

I, Steven N. Bittenson, a citizen of the United States, residing at 10 Caribou Street, Bedford, Massachusetts 01730, in consideration of One Dollar and other valuable consideration paid to me by

DEPUY MITEK, INC.

a corporation of Massachusetts, having its principal place of business at 325 Paramount Drive, Raynham, Massachusetts 02767-0350, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said

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its successors and assigns, the entire interest for the United States of America and all foreign countries including all rights of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property in a certain invention or improvement in

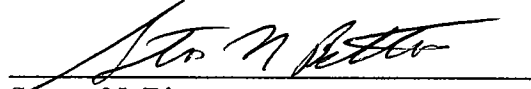
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described in U.S. patent application number 11/611,094, filed on **December 14, 2006** in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and in all Letters Patent of the United States and all foreign countries which may or shall be granted on said invention, or any parts thereof, or on said application, or any divisional, continuing, reissue or other applications based in whole or in part thereon. And I agree, for myself and my executors and administrators, with said corporation and its successors and assigns but at its or their expense and charges, hereafter to execute all applications, amended specifications, deed or other instrument, and to do all acts necessary or proper to secure the grant of Letters Patent in the United States and in all other countries to said corporation, with specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by the counsel of said corporation and to vest and confirm in said corporation, its successors and assigns, the legal title to all such patents.

And I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said application or applications based thereon to said corporation, its successors and assigns.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal this 8th day of Jan, 2007.


Steven N. Bittenson

NOTARIAL SEAL

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of: Bristol

On this 8th day of January, 2007 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared **Steven N. Bittenson**, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were driver's licence, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Ruth C. Forstadt (official signature and seal of Notary)

My Commissioner Expires: April 3, 2009

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