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11/802057 05/18/2007 Form PTO-1595 (Rev. 08/05) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 06-01-2007 OMB No. 0651-0027 (exp. 6/30/2008) United States Patent and Trademark Office To the Director of the U.S. Patent 103412260 cuments or the new address(es) below. 1. Name of conveying party(ies): 4. Name and address of receiving party(ies) Stephen S. Burkhart (05/17/2007), R. Donald Grafton (05/17/2007), and Peter J. Dreyfuss (05/17/2007) Internal Address: x No Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Street Address: 3. Nature of conveyance/Execution Date(s): Execution Date(s): in parentheses after inventor name 1370 Creekside Boulevard x Assignment Merger Change of Name Security Agreement Joint Research Agreement City:_ Government Interest Assignment Florida State: Executive Order 9424, Confirmatory License Country: United States of America Zip: 34108-1945 Additional name(s) & address(es) Other Yes x No attached? 4. Application or patent number(s): x This document is being filed together with a new application. A. Patent Application No.(s) B. Patent No.(s) This application Additional numbers attached? Yes 5. Name and address to whom correspondence 6. Total number of applications and 1 concerning document should be mailed: patents involved: Name: Stephen A. Soffen DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO LLP 40.00 7. Total fee (37 CFR 1.21(h) & 3.41) \$ Internal Address: Atty. Dkt.: A8130.0481/P481 Authorized to be charged by credit card Street Address: 1825 Eye Street, NW Authorized to be charged to deposit account **Enclosed** None required (government interest not affecting title) Washington City: 8. Payment Information DC Zip: 20006-5403 1002 State: a. Credit Card Last 4 Numbers (202) 420-4879 **Expiration Date** 01/11 Phone Number: Fax Number: _

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ASSIGNMENT BY INVENTOR

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by Stephen S. Burkhart, R. Donald Grafton and Peter J. Dreyfuss (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing at 201 Village Circle, San Antonio, Texas 78232; 4218 Skyway Drive, Naples, Florida 34112; and 2417 Kings Lake Blvd., Naples, Florida 34112; respectively;

WHEREAS, Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in SWIVEL ANCHOR AND METHOD FOR KNOTLESS FIXATION OF TISSUE, set forth in a Patent application for Letters Patent of the United States, filed herewith; and

WHEREAS, Arthrex, Inc., a Corporation organized under and pursuant to the laws of Delaware having its principal place of business at 1370 Creekside Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34108-1945 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefore and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions and application for Letters Patent, and in and to any and all direct and indirect divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, and any and all Letters Patent in the United States and all foreign countries which may be granted therefore and thereon, and reissues, reexaminations and extensions of said Letters Patent, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property including all rights of priority, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, for its own use and benefit and the use and benefit of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent may be granted and/or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors, had this sale and assignment not been made.

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AND for the same consideration, Assignors hereby represent and warrant to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, except for any rights, titles and/or interests that have arisen to Assignee under law or that have already been transferred to Assignee, Assignors are the sole and lawful owners of the entire right, title and interest in and to the said inventions and application for Letters Patent abovementioned, and that the same are unencumbered and that Assignors have good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth.

AND for the same consideration, Assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that Assignors will sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of any Letters Patent and applications for Letters Patent for said inventions, without charge to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, whenever counsel of Assignee, or counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise: that any proceeding in connection with said inventions, or said Patent application for Letters Patent, or any proceeding in connection with any Letters Patent or applications for Letters Patent for said inventions in any country, including but not limited to interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable; or, that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patent, or any reissue, reexamination or extension of any Letters Patent, to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable.

AND Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to Assignee, as Assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon, for the sole use and benefit of Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

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AND Assignors hereby grant the following individuals the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document:

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AND Assignors acknowledge an obligation of assignment of this invention to Assignee at the time the invention was made.

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On this	day of	, before me
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State of Florida ss.:

County of Collier

On this 17th day of May, 2007, before me personally came Peter J. Dreyfuss, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of the same.

Where a May Notary Public

Melissa M Gates
My Commission DD361883
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