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No. 6,896,686, dated May 24, 2005; and

Whereas, Arthrex, Inc.

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is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the sum of one dollars (\$ 1.00), the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, I, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said assignee my entire right, title and interest in and to the said Patent aforesaid; the same to be held and enjoyed by the said assignee for his own use and behalf, and for his legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Patent is granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

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