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WHEREAS, WE, (i) **Beat Lechmann**, a citizen of Switzerland, residing at Blumenrain 81, CH-2540 Grenchen, Switzerland; and (ii) **Robert Frigg**, a citizen of Switzerland, residing at Mattenweg 8, CH-2544 Bettlach, Switzerland; ASSIGNORS, are the inventors of the invention disclosed, described and/or claimed in Swiss Patent Application No. 2161/04 which was filed on December 28, 2004 and PCT Application No. PCT/CH05/000775, which was filed on December 28, 2005 and claimed priority thereto, as well as in all applications filed throughout the world claiming priority thereto including but not limited to United States Patent Application No. 11/769273, which was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 5/27/07, 2007, entitled **MODULAR INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT**, and which is identified by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP Docket No. 001227/1095 (00301-07PUS1) and Canadian Patent Application No. CA \_\_\_\_\_, 001227/1096 (00301-07PCA1) which was filed with the Canadian Patent and Trademark Office on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, entitled **MODULAR INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT**, and all inventions disclosed, described and/or claimed therein (hereinafter collectively "the Invention").

AND WHEREAS, **Synthes GmbH**, ASSIGNEE, a Swiss Company, organized under the laws of Switzerland and having a place of business at Eimattstrasse 3, Oberdorf, Switzerland CH-4436, is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under all the said invention(s) as described, disclosed and/or claimed in the above-identified application:

AND WE HEREBY grant to Lawrence Rosenthal, Steven B. Pokotilow, Matthew W. Siegal, Ian G. DiBernardo, Brian M. Rothery, David L. Schaeffer, Charles E. Cantine and Angie M. Hankins, attorneys with the firm of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, the right and full power of attorney to enter all further identifying information of the improvements and the application as may be deemed necessary or desirable for the recordation or perfection of this ASSIGNMENT.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said Invention, and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said Invention in any country, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Laws of the United States or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said Invention in any country and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; including all applications for industrial property, all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof.

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner for Patents and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said Invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said Invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date: 6/25/07

Beat Lechmann L.S.  
Beat Lechmann

WITNESS:

Alfred Niederberger  
(Printed Name)

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Date: 06/25/07

Date: 6/27/07

[Signature] L.S.  
Robert Frigg

WITNESS:

Isabelle Anagnoste  
(Printed Name)

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