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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **Synthes GmbH**, ASSIGNOR, a Swiss Company, organized under the laws of Switzerland and having a place of business at Eimattstrasse 3, Oberdorf, Switzerland CH-4436, has all right, title and interest in the invention disclosed, described and/or claimed in United States Patent Application No. 12/270,573, which was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 13, 2008, entitled HYBRID BONE FIXATION ELEMENT AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME, and all inventions described, disclosed or claimed therein (hereinafter "the Invention"), which is identified by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP Attorney Docket No. 001227/1626, and which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/987,973, filed on November 14, 2007, identified by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP Attorney Docket No. 001227/1312.

AND WHEREAS, **Synthes (U.S.A.)**, ASSIGNEE, a Pennsylvania General Partnership organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and having a place of business at 1302 Wrights Lane East, West Chester, PA 19380, is desirous of obtaining any and all right, title and interest to the Invention in the United States and its possessions and territories, Canada and its possessions and territories, the Bahamas, and Bermuda (hereinafter "the Territory"), including the right to bring an action and recover damages for past infringements, if any.

AND WHEREAS, ASSIGNOR, is desirous of assigning the entire right, title and interest to the Invention in the Territory, including the right to bring an action and recover damages for past infringement, if any.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNOR, has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, all ASSIGNOR'S rights, title and interest in the Invention in the Territory including the right to bring an action and recover damages for past infringement, if any; and all rights, title and interest in any corresponding United States patent applications and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof; and all Patents in the Territory which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; 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 the Territory, and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof.

assigns to insert hereinafter when k application already filed or filed he	nown the application number and filing date or reafter for the Invention.	of any international, regional, or national
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AND ASSIGNOR HERE in conflict herewith.	BY covenants and agrees that it has not execu	ited, and will not execute, any agreement

AND ASSIGNOR HEREBY authorizes and requests said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, or

AND ASSIGNOR HEREBY further covenants and agrees that it will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to it respecting said Invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, and reissue 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 the Territory.

AND ASSIGNOR HEREBY further covenants and agrees that it has read this Assignment, knows and understands its contents, and comprehends and agrees to all of its terms, conditions and meanings and their significance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the person executing this Assignment in a representative capacity on behalf of the ASSIGNOR warrants that he is fully authorized and empowered to do so and sets his hand and seal the day and year set with his signature.

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Dennis J. Butler	Authorized to sign on behalf of Synthes GmbH	
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Date:	December 2 2008	
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