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Sole/Joint Invention
(U.S. Rights Only)**Assignment of Patent Application**

WHEREAS I/We, the below named inventor(s), [hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR(S)], have made an invention entitled:

Strut joint for an external fixator (geändert für US-Anmeldung)

for which I/We executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States,

of even date herewith:

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and

WHEREAS **Stryker Trauma SA**
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hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$ 1.00) to me/us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we, the said ASSIGNOR(S), have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reexamination certificates, reissues and extensions thereof; and I/we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, to issue all Letters Patent for said invention to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

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

AND, I/WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that I/we will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me/us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue application, 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 patent protection for said invention at the expense of the ASSIGNEE.

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