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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, ROBERT J. JONES of Austin, Texas 78726 and CHARLES R. FORTON of Leander, Texas 78641, hereinafter called the "Assignors", have made the invention described in the United States patent application entitled "INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS FOR ADJUSTING SEPARATION DISTANCE OF VERTEBRAL BODIES WITH A MINIMALLY INVASIVE SPINAL STABILIZATION PROCEDURE" that has a U.S. Patent Application Serial Number of 11/002,931 and was filed on December 2, 2004;

WHEREAS, Abbott Spine Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the and by the virtue of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and wholly owned subsidiary of Abbott Laboratories, with a principal office at 5301 Riata Park Court, Bldg. F, Austin, Texas 78727, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and to the patent application identified above, and all patents, foreign and domestic, which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and elsewhere in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States and elsewhere; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications, patents, utility models and designs therefore in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications, patents, utility models and designs defined above; to have and to hold for sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents.

The Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for both the Assignors and the Assignors' legal representative, that Assignors have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment; and that the Assignors will assist the Assignee in the prosecution of the patent applications identified above, in the making and prosecution of any other applications that the

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue patents to the Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignors have executed this agreement.

DATED: February 3, 2005

[Signature]
Robert J. Jones

STATE OF TEXAS)
)ss.
COUNTY OF TRAVIS)

Before me this 3rd day of February, 2005, Robert J. Jones, personally appeared, to me known to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Texas
My commission expires: August 19, 2006

DATED: February 3, 2005

[Signature]
Charles R. Forton

STATE OF TEXAS)
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COUNTY OF TRAVIS)

Before me this 3rd day of February, 2005, Charles R. Forton, personally appeared, to me known to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

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