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(hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest for the United States, its territories and possessions, and all foreign countries in and to this invention relating to the following United States Patent Applications:

| Title | Application No. | Filing Date |
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| SPINAL DISC PROSTHESIS SYSTEM | 10/619,757 | 15-Jul-2003 |
| VERTEBRAL PROSTHESIS | 10/686,998 | 16-Oct-2003 |
| SPINAL FIXATION SYSTEM | 10/864,673 | 09-Jun-2004 |
| EXPANDABLE SPINAL FUSION DEVICE | 10/863,620 | 08-Jun-2004 |
| VERTEBRAL PROSTHESIS AND SPINAL FIXATION SYSTEM | 10/956,455 | 01-Oct-2004 |
| METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATMENT OF DISCOGENIC PAIN | 11/393,054 | 30-Mar-2006 |
| INTERBODY CAGE SYSTEM | 11/340,369 | 26-Jan-2006 |

as well as in and to (a) all improvements and modifications of the above-identified invention or inventions, (b) the above-identified application and all other applications for Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto for above-identified invention or inventions and all improvements and modifications thereof, (c) all Letters Patent which may issue from said applications in the United States and countries foreign thereto, (d) all divisions, continuations, reissues, and extensions of said applications and Letters Patent, and (e) the right to claim for any of said applications the full benefits and priority rights under the International Convention and any other international agreement to which the United States adheres; such right, title, and interest to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all such Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this Assignment not been made.

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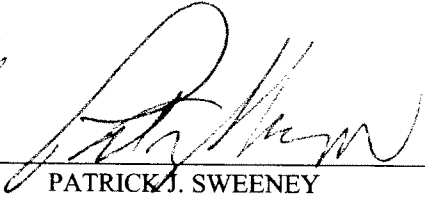
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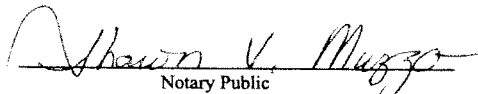
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Executed this 21 day of September, 2006


PATRICK J. SWEENEY

State of Illinois
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On this 21 day of September, 2006, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared PATRICK J. SWEENEY, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6/6/07

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