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THIRD REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

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Sir:

Waldemar Link (GmbH & Co.), a German corporation having its principal place of business at Barkhausenweg 10, D-22339 Hamburg, Germany, by and through its attorneys, hereby requests that the Board grant a third thirty day extension of time, **until August 2, 2002**, to file a Notice of Opposition to the above-identified application.

In order to avoid the need to oppose this application, the undersigned originally contacted Eric B. Meyertons, Esq., attorney of record for the applicant, in order to determine if grounds for settlement could be found. Mr. Meyertons' colleague, Dwayne K. Goetzel, and the undersigned

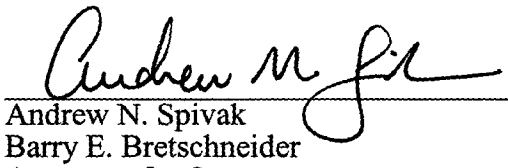
have been in continuous good-faith negotiations in order to arrive at a settlement. Both parties are in the course of discussing further proposals with our clients for their consideration.

Potential opposer Waldemar Link (GmbH & Co.) and applicant Spinal Concepts, Inc. are trying to avoid an opposition by settlement. Good cause for this third extension of time exists, therefore, in order to allow the parties further time to negotiate. Potential opposer Waldemar Link (GmbH & Co.) therefore respectfully requests that the Board grant this third request for extension of time in which to oppose.

This request is being submitted in triplicate as required by 37 CFR 2.102(d).

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 1, 2002

By: 

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on counsel for applicant this 1st day of July, 2002, addressed as follows:

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