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have invented certain new and useful improvements in AGRICULTURAL PNEUMATIC TIRES HAVING DIRECTIONAL LUGS

for which I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States of America;

AND WHEREAS, BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION 10-1, Kyobashi 1-Chome, Chuo-Ku, Tokyo, Japan

desirous of acquiring an interest therein and in the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor from the United States;

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