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## 1. Name of conveying party(ies):

James G. Guspodin and Yasuo Himuro and  
William B. Allison and David M. Reep

## 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE RESEARCH, INC.

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 1200 Firestone ParkwayCity: Akron State: OH ZIP: 44317Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ NoAdditional names(s) of conveying party(ies) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Name: D. A. ThomasInternal Address: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.Street Address: 1200 Firestone ParkwayCity: Akron State: OH ZIP: 443176. Total number of applications and patents involved: 17. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):.....\$ 40.00☐ Enclosed - Any excess or insufficiency should be credited or debited to deposit account☒ Authorized to be charged to deposit account

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Michael Sand

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October 8, 1998

Date

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, James G. Guspodin  
of Akron, County of Summit, and State of Ohio  
and Yasuo Himuro  
of Tokyo, Country of Japan, and State of \_\_\_\_\_  
and William B. Allison  
of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit, and State of Ohio  
and David M. Reep  
of Copley, County of Summit, and State of Ohio  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, and State of \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, and State of \_\_\_\_\_  
have invented certain new and useful improvements in TIRE TREAD

WHEREAS, **BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE RESEARCH, INC.**, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware and having its principal office and place of business at Akron, Ohio is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in, to and under any Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN that for the consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration by us received from said assignees, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said \_\_\_\_\_,

James G. Guspodin, Yasuo Himuro, William B. Allison &  
David M. Reep have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said corporation, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and all foreign countries and in, to and under the application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, executed by us Sept 24 & 29, 1988, and in, to and under any reissue, divisional, continuing or substituted application thereof, and in, to and under any Letters Patent that may be issued for said invention in the United States; and we do hereby covenant and agree for ourselves and our legal representatives to assist our said assignee in the prosecution of our said application and in any interference or litigation which may arise involving our said invention or patent and to execute and assign to said corporation any reissue application thereon, or any divisional, continuing, or substitute application based on our said application, as may be requested by our said assignee, all however at the expense of said assignee; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent of the United States upon said application for said invention to **BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE RESEARCH, INC.** aforesaid, as assignee of our entire right, title and interest in and to the same for the sole use and behoof of our assignee, its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 6<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 1998.

**James G. Guspodin**

(date)

Yasuo HIRURO

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(date)

William B. Allison

(date)

**David M. Reep**

(date)

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