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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, MICHEL BLONDELET and JACQUES FOULQUIER, citizens of France, whose post office addresses are La-Croix-Saint-Verny, F-63450 Le Crest, France; and 85, route de Châteaugay, F-63118 Cébazat, France, respectively, have made an invention for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled "FLEXIBLE AXLE EMBODYING A CROSSPIECE AND TRAILING ARMS"; and

WHEREAS, COMPAGNIE GÉNÉRALE DES ETABLISSEMENTS MICHELIN-MICHELIN & CIE, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of France and having an office for the transaction of business at 12, Cours Sablon, F-63040 Clermont-Ferrand Cedex 01, France, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefor, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that WE, the said MICHEL BLONDELET and JACQUES FOULQUIER, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to us in hand paid by said COMPAGNIE GÉNÉRALE DES ETABLISSEMENTS MICHELIN-MICHELIN & CIE, and other valuable considerations unto us moving from said COMPAGNIE GÉNÉRALE DES ETABLISSEMENTS MICHELIN-MICHELIN & CIE, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said COMPAGNIE GÉNÉRALE DES ETABLISSEMENTS MICHELIN-MICHELIN & CIE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention as set forth and described in the specification forming a part of the application for Letters Patent of the United States for "FLEXIBLE AXLE EMBODYING A CROSSPIECE AND TRAILING ARMS", executed concurrently herewith, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements, including all priority rights under the Paris Convention, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

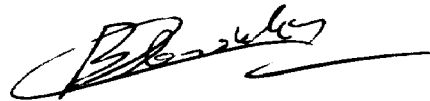
AND WE, the said MICHEL BLONDELET and JACQUES FOULQUIER, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said COMPAGNIE GÉNÉRALE DES ETABLISSEMENTS MICHELIN-MICHELIN & CIE, as the assignee of the entire right,

title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said COMPAGNIE GÉNÉRALE DES ETABLISSEMENTS MICHELIN-MICHELIN & CIE, its successors and assigns;

AND WE, the said MICHEL BLONDELET and JACQUES FOULQUIER, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said COMPAGNIE GÉNÉRALE DES ETABLISSEMENTS MICHELIN-MICHELIN & CIE, its successors and assigns, that we have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that we, our executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents which, in the opinion of counsel for said COMPAGNIE GÉNÉRALE DES ETABLISSEMENTS MICHELIN-MICHELIN & CIE, its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary to more effectively secure to and vest in said COMPAGNIE GÉNÉRALE DES ETABLISSEMENTS MICHELIN-MICHELIN & CIE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that we will sign any applications for reissue which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patents which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

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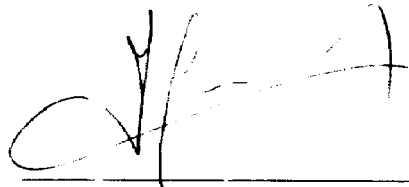
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