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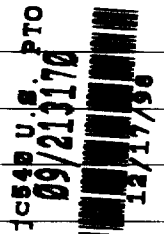
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of Hudson, County of Summit, and State of Ohio
and James M. Kirby
of Akron, County of Summit, and State of Ohio
and Edward G. Markow
of Jensen Beach, County of St. Lucie, and State of Florida
and _____
of _____, County of _____, and State of _____
and _____
of _____, County of _____, and State of _____
and _____
of _____, County of _____, and State of _____
have invented certain new and useful improvements in BAND ELEMENT FOR
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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

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_____ 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 December 7, 1998, 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 7 day of December, 1998.

Betsy E. Staeger

BETSY E. STAEGER
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