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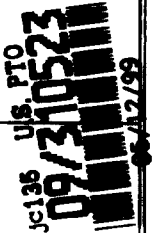
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WHEREAS, I, JACQUES FOULQUIER, citizen of France, whose post office address is 85, Route de Châteaugay, F-63118 Cebazat, France, have made an invention for which I am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled "VEHICLE AXLE EQUIPPED WITH TORSIONAL SUSPENSION ELEMENTS"; 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 09, 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 I, the said JACQUES FOULQUIER, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to me in hand paid by said Compagnie Générale des Etablissements MICHELIN-MICHELIN & CIE, and other valuable considerations unto me 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 for which I am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled "VEHICLE AXLE EQUIPPED WITH TORSIONAL SUSPENSION ELEMENTS", 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, 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;

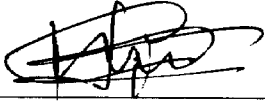
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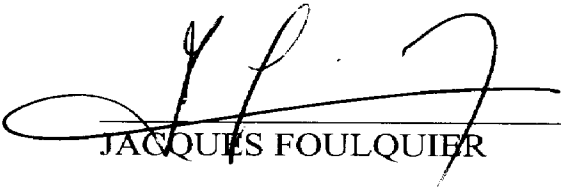
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AND I, the said JACQUES FOULQUIER, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said Compagnie Générale des Etablissements MICHELIN-MICHELIN & CIE, its successors and assigns, that I have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that I, my 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 more effectively to 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 I 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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