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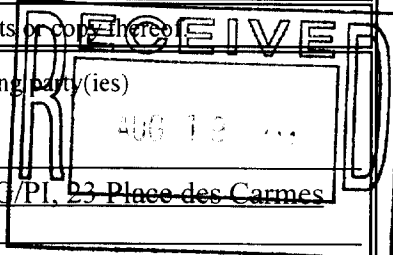
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WHEREAS, WE, JEAN PAUL MERALDI, RIMA HUSTON, and VLASTIMIL CIZEK, citizens of Switzerland, whose post office addresses are Giblenstrasse 53, Zurich, Switzerland CH-8057; Frohburgstrasse 194, Zurich, Switzerland CH-8057; and ~~Frohburgstrasse~~ Frohburgstrasse 9, Zurich, Switzerland CH-8052, respectively, have made an invention entitled "AQUEOUS COAGULATING AGENT FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL SOLUTIONS WITH BASE OF CELLULOSE SUBSTANCES" as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/294,216, filed April 16, 1999; and

WHEREAS, MICHELIN ET CIE, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of France, and having an office for the transaction of business at Service SGD/LG/P1, 23 Place des Carmes Dechaux, 6304 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 WE, the said JEAN PAUL MERALDI, RIMA HUSTON, and VLASTIMIL CIZEK, 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 MICHELIN ET CIE, and other valuable considerations unto us moving from said MICHELIN ET 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 MICHELIN ET CIE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention entitled "AQUEOUS COAGULATIVE AGENT FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL SOLUTIONS WITH BASE OF CELLULOSE SUBSTANCES" as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/294,216, filed April 16, 1999, 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;

AND WE, the said JEAN PAUL MERALDI, RIMA HUSTON, and VLASTIMIL CIZEK, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said MICHELIN ET CIE, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said MICHELIN ET CIE, its successors and assigns;

AND WE, the said JEAN PAUL MERALDI, RIMA HUSTON, and VLASTIMIL CIZEK, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said MICHELIN ET 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 MICHELIN ET CIE, its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said MICHELIN ET CIE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, 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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