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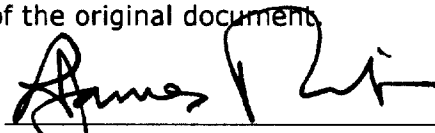
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WHEREAS, we, Merkel Freudenberg Fluidtechnic GmbH, having a place of business at Industriestrasse 64, 21107 Hamburg, Germany, are the owners of the following patents:

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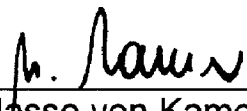
WHEREAS, Carl Freudenberg, a limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of Germany, having a place of business at Höhnerweg 2 - 4, 69469 Weinheim, Germany, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said patents and the improvements contained therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$ 1.00) to us in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Merkel Freudenberg Fluidtechnic GmbH, sell, assign and transfer to Carl Freudenberg, its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in and to said patents and improvements, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its and their sole use and behoof.

We covenant that we have the lawful right to assign the interest in said improvements in the manner and form as herein expressed, that the interests herein conveyed are free from prior assignment, grant, mortgage, license, or other encumbrance whatsoever and that the execution of this Assignment is our free act and deed.

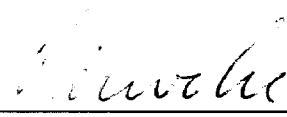
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