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ASSIGNMENT
(Joint Inventors)

WHEREAS, We, **Joachim Wette, Karl-Heinz Müller and Thomas Schafferus** (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing respectively at **Bröltalstraße 8, D-53773 Hennef, Germany; Löhgartenstraße 2, D-57537 Wissen, Germany; Narzissenstraße 1, D-47495 Rheinberg, Germany** have invented new and useful improvements in:

ROLLING BOOT MADE OF THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER

which is set forth in an application in the United States executed on even date herewith.

AND WHEREAS, **GKN Automotive AG** (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), of **Hauptstraße 150, D-53797 Lohmar, Germany** is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have assigned, sold and set over, and by these presents assign, sell and set over unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, for the territory of the United States of America and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application for Letters Patent, including the right to file foreign patent applications corresponding to said application, and the right to claim the priority date of said United States patent application and any legal equivalents thereof, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or re-issues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents prepared and executed by Assignors on even date herewith, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the Assignors had this Assignment and sale not been made.

AND the Assignors hereby covenant and agree that the Assignors will at any time upon the request and at the expense of the Assignee execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention and to obtain Letters Patent therefor, and the Assignors hereby authorize

and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the said Assignee in accordance with this Agreement.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal at Lohmar, in the Country of Germany, this 21 day of 10, 1999.



Joachim Wette

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal at Wilmanns, in the Country of Germany, this 10 day of 09, 1999.



Karl-Heinz Müller

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal at Schmas-, in the Country of Germany, this 2 day of 11, 1999.



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