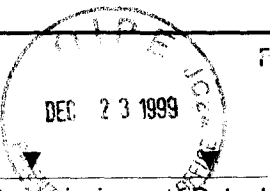


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ASSIGNMENT

We, Russell W. Koch, Charles D. Spragg, Edward G. Markow and James M. Kirby, have made an invention which now is described and claimed in an application for patent entitled **ENCAPSULATED HIGH MODULUS COMPOSITES**, which application

- ☐ is being executed and filed concurrently herewith.
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NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the obligations imposed by or arising under one or more of our employment agreement(s), state or national statutes, common law, and administrative regulation, I hereby do make the following assignments –

To **BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION**, a corporation created and duly organized under the laws of the nation of Japan and having a place of business at Tokyo, Japan, and its successors and assigns, we hereby

- assign, transfer, and set over the full and exclusive right to the above-described invention and to the above-described application for letters patent of the United States as well as any substitute, continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application filed thereon and to any letters patent of the United States that issues from such application(s) as well as any reissue application or request for reexamination filed on such letters patent;
 - covenant and agree for ourselves and our legal representative(s) to
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed this document on the dates next to our respective names.

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