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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, I, JOSÉ MERINO LOPEZ, a citizen of SPAIN, whose post office address is 119, RUE ST-DON, FR-63200 RIOM, FRANCE, have created and invented a new, original and ornamental design as set forth and described in application for Design Letters Patent of the United States entitled "TREAD OF A TIRE"; and

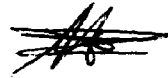
WHEREAS, MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE, S.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Country of Switzerland, and having an office for the transaction of business at Route Louis Braille 10 et 12 CH-1763 Granges-Paccot, Switzerland, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said design and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Design Letters Patent therefor, and any Design Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that I, the said JOSÉ MERINO LOPEZ, 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 MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE, S.A., and other valuable considerations unto me moving from said MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE, S.A., 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 RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE, S.A., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said design as set forth and described in application for Design Letters Patent of the United States entitled "TREAD OF A TIRE", 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 Design 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 Design Registrations filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements including all priority rights, and any and all Design Registrations 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 Design Letters Patent and Design Registrations may be granted;

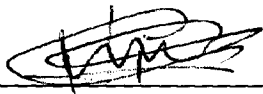
AND I, the said JOSÉ MERINO LOPEZ, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE, S.A., as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE, S.A., its successors and assigns;


AND I, the said JOSÉ MERINO LOPEZ, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE, S.A., 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 I, my executor or administrator, 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 RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE, S.A., its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE, S.A., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said design and improvements, applications, Design Letters Patent, Design Registrations, rights, titles, benefits, privileges, and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed.

Subscribed and executed at CLERMONT-FERRAND, France
 (Place)
 on January 18, 2000
 (Date)



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