



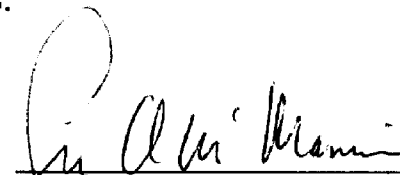
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**A S S I G N M E N T**

In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, **Lee A. McMannis** ("ASSIGNOR"), a citizen of the United States, residing in Hudson, Ohio, hereby sell, transfer, set over and assign unto **Max-Trac Tire Co., Inc.** ("ASSIGNEE"), a corporation of the State of Ohio, having a principal place of business at 4670 Allen Road, Stow, Ohio 44224, its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention in a **TIRE TREAD** invented by me and the application for United States patent therefor, executed concurrently herewith, and all original and reissued patents granted therefor, and all divisions and continuations thereof, including the subject matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in every such patent, and the right to apply for and obtain patents in countries foreign to the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon in such foreign countries, and authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue the said Letters Patent to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, as assignee and owner of the entire interest, and covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned and that I have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and agree that I will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, all facts known to me respecting said invention, whenever requested, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute and deliver all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make lawful papers, execute and deliver all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the application for such divisional, continuing or reissue applications, or the procuring thereof, and that if and when said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives desire to file a disclaimer relating thereto I will, upon request, sign and deliver all lawful papers requisite for the filing of such disclaimer, and I further covenant and agree that I will, at any time upon request, do everything legally possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, either in its or my own name, to apply for, obtain and

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enforce proper patent protection in all countries, including priority rights granted to patents in foreign countries according to all the laws and treaties in force, all without further consideration but at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives.

  
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 Lee A. McMannis

STATE OF OHIO

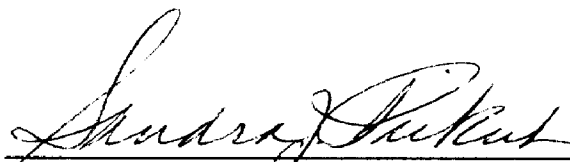
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This 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000 before me personally came the above-named Lee A. McMannis to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing Assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

  
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 Notary Public

SANDRA J. PICKUT, Attorney-At-Law

Notary Public – State of Ohio

My commission has no expiration date

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