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Internal Address: **Department 823**

Street Address: **1144 East Market Street**

City: **Akron** State: **OH** Zip: **44316**

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Thierry Florent Edme Materne, Rene Jean Zimmer, Friedrich Visel and Uwe Ernst Frank of 259 Winchester Road, Akron, Ohio 44333; 141, Rue Ernest Beres, L-1232 Howald, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg; 9A, Rue Noppeney, L-7378 Bofferdange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg; and 10, Marktplatz, D-66646 Marpingen, Germany have invented certain improvements in RUBBER COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING BORATE COMPOUNDS, and described in a patent application executed the 1st, 3rd and 18th days of February, 1999, by the undersigned for filing in The United States of America, being owner(s) of all right, title and interest in and to said application and in and to any invention described therein and having full right to convey the entire interest both legal and equitable herein assigned; and

WHEREAS, THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY, of Akron, Ohio 44316, a corporation of the State of Ohio (assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and said invention described therein and any and all patents to be obtained therefor, all as hereinafter set forth:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration received by the undersigned, the undersigned does (do) hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or inventions, as described in the aforesaid application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to the aforesaid application; and in and to any application filed in any foreign country based thereon, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of the International Convention; also the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents or reissues or extensions thereof to be obtained in this or any foreign country upon said invention or inventions and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or substitute applications which may be filed upon said invention or inventions in this or any foreign country; and the undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said application or applications to said assignee or its successors and assigns.

The undersigned further agree(s) to execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, improvement, extension, reissue and other patent applications in this or any foreign country relating to said application or invention and to sign all other lawful papers and to perform all other lawful acts without further consideration, but without expense to myself (ourselves), which the assignee may deem necessary or desirable to make this Assignment fully effective including by way of example, but not of limitation, the following acts:

- (1) Prompt execution of all lawful oaths, affidavits and/or supplemental oaths required or deemed advisable by the assignee to further the prosecution of any application or applications for letters patent relating to the subject matter of this Assignment;
- (2) To co-operate to the best of my (our) ability in the execution of all lawful documents, the production of evidence, and the giving of testimony in interference, opposition, nullification or infringement proceedings involving the said invention or improvement, applications or patents or any of them.

The undersigned hereby authorize(s) said assignee to insert in this Assignment the serial number and filing date of the above-identified application when known.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has (have) hereunto set his (their) hand(s) and seal(s) on the date(s) set after his (their) signature(s).

[Signature] (L.S.) Thierry Florent Edme Materne, 03/04 1999
WITNESS
Thierry Florent Edme Materne

[Signature] (L.S.) Rene Jean Zimmer, 02/09 1999
WITNESS
Rene Jean Zimmer

[Signature] (L.S.) Friedrich Visel, 02/09 1999
WITNESS
Friedrich Visel

[Signature] (L.S.) Uwe Ernst Frank, 02/10 1999
WITNESS
Uwe Ernst Frank

State of Ohio _____)
_____))
County of Summit _____)

SS:

On this 4th day of March 1999, before me personally appeared Thierry Florent Edme Materne to me personally known, and known to me to be the person(s) who signed the foregoing assignment, and acknowledge the signing of same as his (their) free act and deed.

Kristen Hovater

Notary Public

KRISTEN L. HOVATER, Notary Public
Residence - Summit County
State Wide Jurisdiction, Ohio
My Commission Expires May 1, 2000

ETTELBRUCK, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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SS:

On this 9th day of February 1999, before me personally appeared René Jean Zimmer, Friedrich Visel

to me personally known, and known to me to be the person(s) who signed the foregoing assignment, and acknowledge the signing of same as his (their) free act and deed.



René Jean Zimmer

Notary Public

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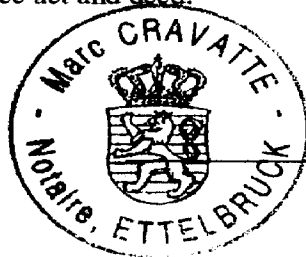
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On this 10th day of February 1999, before me personally appeared _____

Uwe Ernst Frank

to me personally known, and known to me to be the person(s) who signed the foregoing assignment, and acknowledge the signing of same as his (their) free act and deed.



Uwe Ernst Frank

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