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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

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Whereas, Bridgestone Corporation
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

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