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MODIFIED CARBON BLACK, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE MODIFIED CARBON BLACK, RUBBER COMPOSITION AND PNEUMATIC TIRE and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on ; and

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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;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

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Date: Sep. 20, 2000

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