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We, Daniel F. Graves , David J. Dougherty and Thomas A. Antkowiak, have made an invention which now is described and claimed in an application for patent entitled CO₂ TERMINATED RUBBER FOR PLASTICS, which application

- is being executed and filed concurrently herewith.
- was filed on _____ and now is designated as United States patent application number _____

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the obligations imposed by or arising under one or more of my employment agreement(s), advisor agreement(s), state or national statutes, common law, and administrative regulation, I hereby do make the following assignments –


To **BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.**, a corporation created and duly organized under the laws of the state of Ohio and having a place of business at Akron, Ohio, and its successors and assigns, we hereby

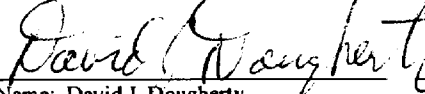
- assign, transfer, and set over the full and exclusive right to the above-described invention and to the above-described application for letters patent of the United States as well as any substitute, continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application filed thereon and to any letters patent of the United States that issues from such application(s) as well as any reissue application or request for reexamination filed on such letters patent;
 - covenant and agree for ourselves and our legal representative(s) to
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- authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent of the United States relating to the above-described invention in the name of said assignee.

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