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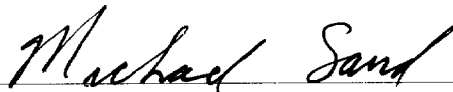
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NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the obligations imposed by or arising under one or more of my employment agreement(s), state or national statutes, common law, and administrative regulation, I hereby do make the following assignments –

To **BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE RESEARCH, INC.**, a corporation created and duly organized under the laws of the state of Delaware and having a place of business at Akron, Ohio, and its successors and assigns, I 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 myself and my legal representative(s) to

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