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<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>

WHEREAS, WE, DANIEL LAURENT and MARC SEBE, citizens of France, residing at Route du Roule 8, CH-1723 Marly, Switzerland and Route du Roule 10, CH-1723 Marly, Switzerland, respectively, have made an invention entitled "VEHICLE EMBODYING A SYSTEM FOR PROTECTION IN CASE OF IMPACT" as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/791,191 filed February 23, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Conception et Dévelopement MICHELIN S.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Switzerland and having an office for the transaction of business at Route André Piller 30, CH-1762 Givisiez, Switzerland, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefor, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that WE, the said DANIEL LAURENT and MARC SEBE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to me in hand paid by said Conception et Dévelopement MICHELIN S.A., and other valuable considerations unto me moving from said Conception et Dévelopement MICHELIN S.A., at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said Conception et Dévelopement MICHELIN S.A., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention entitled "VEHICLE EMBODYING A SYSTEM FOR PROTECTION IN CASE OF IMPACT" as set forth and described in application for Letter Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/791,191 filed February 23, 2001, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements, including all priority rights under the Paris Convention, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

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PATENT REEL: 011774 FRAME: 0148 AND WE, the said DANIEL LAURENT and MARC SEBE, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said Conception et Dévelopement MICHELIN S.A., as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said Conception et Dévelopement MICHELIN S.A., its successors and assigns;

AND WE, the said DANIEL LAURENT and MARC SEBE, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said Conception et Dévelopement MICHELIN S.A., its successors and assigns, that I have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that I, my executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents which, in the opinion of counsel for said Conception et Dévelopement MICHELIN S.A., its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary to more effectively secure to and vest in said Conception et Dévelopement MICHELIN S.A., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that I will sign any applications for reissue which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patents which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

Subscribed and executed at GIVISIEZ, Suitzer Panol

on April 9, 2001

DANIEL LAURENT

Witness:

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