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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, I, ALAIN CLOUET, a citizen of France, whose post office address is Rue de la Chapelle, Sainte-Marguerite, F-63270 Sainte-Maurice, France, have made an invention for which I am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled "TREAD SUPPORTING MEMBRANE"; and

WHEREAS, MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE S.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the country of Switzerland, and having an office for the transaction of business at Route Louis Braille 10 et 12, CH-1763 Granges-Paccot, 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 I, the said ALAIN CLOUET, 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 MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE S.A., and other valuable considerations unto me moving from said MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE 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 MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE S.A., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention as set forth and described in the specification forming a part of the application for Letters Patent of the United States for "TREAD SUPPORTING MEMBRANE", executed concurrently herewith, 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, including any priority rights under the Paris Convention, 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;

AND I, the said ALAIN CLOUET, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE S.A., as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE S.A., its successors and assigns;

AND I, the said ALAIN CLOUET, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE 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 MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE S.A., its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary to more effectively secure to and vest in said MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE 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 Clermont-Ferrand - France
(Place)

on May 11, 2001
(Date)

A. Clouet

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