



ASSIGNMENT

For value received, I, Masatoshi YOKOTA, residing at c/o Sumitomo Rubber Industries Limited, 6-9, Wakinohamacho 3-chome, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo, Japan, hereby sell, assign, and transfer to SUMITOMO RUBBER INDUSTRIES LIMITED, a corporation existing under the laws of Japan, located at 6-9, Wakinohamacho 3-chome, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo, Japan, and its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title, and interest for all countries including the United States of America, in and to certain inventions relating to

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described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States,  
☒ having an oath or declaration by me/us executed on even date herewith;  
☐ bearing Serial No. NEW and filed on March 6, 2002, and  
all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, continuations  
and extensions thereof, and authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and  
Trademarks to issue all patents on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said  
Company as assignee of the entire interest, and covenant that I/We have full right so  
to do, and agree that I/We will communicate to said Company or its representatives  
any facts known to me/us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal  
proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue  
applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said  
Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper  
protection for said invention in the United States.

The Assignor(s) hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of BIRCH,  
STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP, to insert in the spaces provided above the  
filing date, serial number, and attorney docket number of said application if not  
previously inserted.

Signature Masatoshi Yokota Date February 13, 2002  
Masatoshi YOKOTA