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WHEREAS,	SUMITO	MO RUBBER IN	DUSTRIES,	LTD.		
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In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned name(s).

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