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City: **Nashville** State: **TN** ZIP: **37214**

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A. Patent Application No.(s)
10/068,411

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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):.....\$ **40.00**
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PATENT

Docket No.

P99047US2A

Transmittal of Continuing Application Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Please file a continuation divisional continuation-in-part and
no. 09/384,351, filed on August 27, 1999.

of Jamie J. McNutt, Nicole L. Squire and William J. O'Briskie

entitled LARGE SIZED CARBON BLACK PARTICLES TO REDUCE
HARDNESS, STIFF TIRE COMPOSITIONS

1. Enclosed are application papers as amended, including the specification and/or declaration.
2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. Cancel claims _____.
4. _____ sheet(s) of drawings is/are enclosed.
5. This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention claimed in this application:
6. Please abandon the last-mentioned prior application.
7. An assignment is enclosed, or of record in the prior application.
8. A power of attorney is enclosed, or of record in the prior application.
9. Enclosed is a written request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) regarding petitions for extensions of time.

The fees for filing the application and recording the assignment (if indicated) are computed as follows:

For	Number Extra	Rate	Totals
Basic fee	N/A	\$710.	\$710.
Total claims 16 - 20 =	0	× \$18.	\$0.
Independent claims 3 - 3 =	0	× \$80.	\$0.
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims		\$270.	\$0.
Assignment recording fee		\$40.	\$40.
Total amount due			\$750.

The USPTO is authorized to charge the amount shown above to Deposit Account No. 06-0925. Also, during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees incurred and credit any overpayments made to that same Deposit Account.

Kindly address all correspondence relating to this application to the following address:
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Signature <i>Meredith E. Palmer</i>
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Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, I certify that this application is being deposited, on the date indicated below, with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Printed Name of Person Making Certification Meredith E. Palmer

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The PTO did not receive the following listed item(s) 40 \$ check

ASSIGNMENT

We, Jamie J. McNutt, Nicole L. Squire and William J. O'Briskie, have made an invention which now is described and claimed in an application for patent entitled LARGE SIZED CARBON BLACK PARTICLES TO REDUCE NEEDED MIXING ENERGY OF HIGH HARDNESS, STIFF TIRE COMPOSITIONS, which application

- is being executed and filed concurrently herewith.
- was filed on _____ and now is designated as United States patent application number _____

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

To BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE NORTH AMERICAN TIRE, LLC, a Limited Liability Company 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, we 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 ourselves and our legal representative(s) to
 - a) assist said assignee and/or its designee(s), to the extent requested, in the prosecution of said application for patent, in any interference declared on said application for patent or patent issuing therefrom, or in litigation which arises out of or is based on said application for patent or patent issuing therefrom, and
 - b) execute all papers related to said application for patent which said assignee or its designee(s) request to be signed,

provided that expenses relating thereto shall be borne by said assignee; and

- > authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent of the United States relating to the above-described invention in the name of said assignee.
- > assign, transfer, and set over the full and exclusive right to any application for letters patent filed in any regional or national patent office other than the United States Patent and Trademark Office;
- > covenant and agree for ourselves and our legal representative(s) to
 - a) assist said assignee and/or its designee(s), to the extent requested, in the prosecution of any such applications for patent or in litigation which arises out of or is based on said application(s) for patent or patent(s) issuing therefrom, and
 - b) execute all papers related to said application(s) for patent which said assignee or its designee(s) request to be signed,

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed this document on the dates next to our respective names.

Jamie J. McNutt 2/6/02
 Name: Jamie J. McNutt date

Nicole L. Squire 2/6/02
 Name: Nicole L. Squire date

William J. O'Briskie 2/6/02
 Name: William J. O'Briskie date

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Other names included on additional sheet(s).