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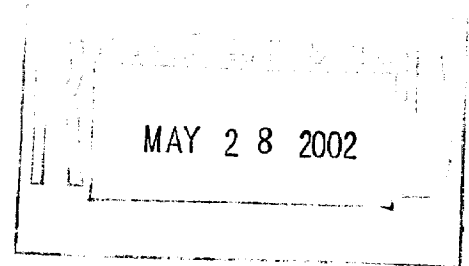
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Attached please find an assignment for recordal.

1. The assignment is for the patent application identified above. The patent application was filed on April 8, 2002 as Application No. 10/118,264.

2. A. The total number of applications and/or patents identified in this cover sheet is one (1).

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C. Payment of fee is made by the attached check for \$40.00. Please charge Account No. 23-3263 for any fee deficiency or refund any overpayment. A duplicate of this cover sheet is attached.

3. The parties conveying an interest are Takanori Kobayashi, William E. Smith and Charles E. Smith, Jr.

4. The rights are being conveyed to:

Name: Tokusen U.S.A., Inc.

Address: 1500 Amity Road
Conway, Arkansas 72032

5. The accompanying document intends to accomplish an assignment.

6. Please address correspondence to:

Ray F. Cox, Jr.
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7. The attached assignment was executed on May 2, 2002 by Takanori Kobayashi; on May 21, 2002 by William E. Smith, and on May 21, 2002 by Charles E. Smith, Jr.

8. The attached assignment is in the English language.

9. Submitted herewith is the original assignment.

10. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

11. The total number of pages being submitted, including cover sheet, attachments and documents is seven (7).

Date: May 28, 2002

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Takanori Kobayashi, residing at 748-1 Sumiyoshi-Cho, Ono City, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan 675-1361; William E. Smith, residing at 1418 Davis Street, Conway, Arkansas 72034; and Charles E. Smith, Jr., residing at 3275 Chrysler Cove, Conway, Arkansas 72034 ("Assignors"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in an invention entitled "Tire Cord," set forth in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/118,264 filed April 8, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Tokusen U.S.A., Inc., an Arkansas corporation, having a principal place of business at 1500 Amity Road, Conway, Arkansas 72032, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, in said application, and in any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefrom;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, We, the said Assignors, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above mentioned invention, application for Letters Patent, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, including all rights to claim priority, and in and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or re-examination of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said Assignee, for its own use and behoof, and the use and behoof of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted, as fully and

entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignors, had this sale and assignment not been made.

And for the same consideration, the said Assignors hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be entered into which would conflict with this assignment.

And for the same consideration, the said Assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that the said Assignors will, whenever counsel of the said Assignee, or the counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said invention, or said application for Letters Patent or any proceeding in connection with Letters Patent for said inventions in any country, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patent, or any reissue or extension of any Letters Patent, to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of Letters Patent for said inventions, without charge to the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, but at the cost and expense of the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

And the said Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to the said Assignee, as the Assignee of said invention and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon for the sole use and behoof of the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

SIGNED this 2 day of May, 2002.

Takanori Kobayashi

T. Kobayashi

SIGNED this 21 day of May, 2002.

William E. Smith

William E. Smith

SIGNED this 21st day of MAY, 2002.

Charles E. Smith, Jr.

Charles E. Smith, Jr.

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Before me this 2nd day of May, in the year 2002, personally appeared Takanori Kobayashi, ~~to me known to be or~~ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his free will for the purpose therein expressed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

[Signature]
Consular Officer of the
United States of America

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF Arkansas)
)ss
COUNTY OF Faulkner)

On this 21 day of May, in the year 2002, before me, Annette Harrell, a Notary Public in and for the State of Arkansas, personally appeared William E. Smith, personally known to me/or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Annette Harrell
Notary Public

Annette Harrell
NOTARY PUBLIC
Faulkner County, Arkansas
My Commission Exp. 9-6-2009

My commission expires:

9-6-09

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On this 21 day of May, in the year 2002, before me, Annette Harrell, a Notary Public in and for the State of Arkansas, personally appeared Charles E. Smith, Jr., personally known to me/or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Annette Harrell
Notary Public

Annette Harrell
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Faulkner County, Arkansas
My Commission Exp. 9-6-2009

My commission expires:

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