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Whereas, Toyo Tire & Rubber Co., Ltd. of 17-18, Edobori 1-chome, Nishi-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, 550-0002 Japan, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest of the Assignor in the said U.S. Patents;

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