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Whereas, I/We

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\_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter "Assignor")

have invented certain new and useful improvements in \_\_\_\_\_  
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automobile tire \_\_\_\_\_

for which application for Letters of Patent in the United States of America  is about to be filed;  has been filed;

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