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Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire, LLC

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Bridgestone Corporation

Internal Address: _____

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:



Assignment



Merger



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Street Address: 10-1, Kyobashi 1-Chome,
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A. Patent Application No.(s) _____

B. Patent No.(s) 5,439,041;6,139,121; 6,068,354Additional numbers attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: John M. VasutaInternal Address: Law DepartmentBridgestone Americas Holding, Inc.Street Address: 1200 Firestone ParkwayCity: Akron State: OH Zip: 443176. Total number of applications and patents involved: **3**7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 120.00☐ Enclosed☒ Authorized to be charged to deposit account

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Assignment of United States Patents

WHEREAS Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire, LLC (hereinafter "Assignor"), a limited liability company duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and having a principal place of business in Nashville, Tennessee, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bridgestone Americas Holding, Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bridgestone Corporation, is the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the inventions described and claimed in the United States Letters Patents entitled:

VEHICLE TIRE INCLUDING LIGHTWEIGHT STIFFENING SPACER IN EACH SIDEWALL, which is designated as U.S. Patent No. 5,439,041 issued on August 8, 1995 as evidenced at Reel 7511 and Frame 0105; and

POSITIVE DRIVE RUBBER TRACK, which is designated as U.S. Patent No. 6,139,121 issued on October 31, 2000 as evidenced at Reel 7669 and Frame 0073; and

NON VIBRATION TREAD ANGLE FOR RUBBER TRACK, which is designated as U.S. Patent No. 6,068,354 issued on May 30, 2000 as evidenced at Reel 9241 and Frame 0955 (hereinafter "Patents")

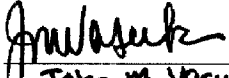
WHEREAS, Bridgestone Corporation (hereinafter "Assignee"), a corporation created and duly organized under the laws of the nation of Japan and having a place of business at 10-1, Kyobashi 1-Chome, Chuo-Ku, Tokyo-104, Japan desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the Patents;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, and transfer, Assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to the Patents, the inventions disclosed therein and all reissues, reexaminations, and extensions thereof, all said rights to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its own use and for the use of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which the Patents have been or will be granted, reexamined, extended or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor if this assignment and transfer had not been made, and Assignor hereby assigns any and all claims and causes of action for infringement of such Patents which have accrued up to and including the date of this Assignment, including all rights to recover damages and injunctive relief in respect to such infringement.

Assignor further agrees that Assignor will, without demanding any further consideration therefor, at the request but at the expense of Assignee, do all lawful and just acts, including the execution and acknowledgement of instruments that may be or become necessary for obtaining, sustaining, reexamining or reissuing the Patents and for maintaining and perfecting Assignee's right to the Patents and Technology.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire, LLC has caused these presents to be signed by its duly authorized officer below named.

Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire, LLC

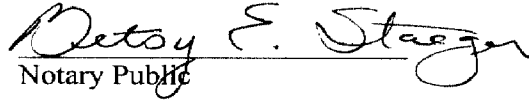
By: 
John M. Vasuta

Title: Attorney and Assistant Secretary for
Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire, LLC

Date and Time: April 4, 2003

State of Ohio)
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County of Summit) ss.:

On this 4 day of April, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared John M. Vasuta, to me known to be attorney for Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire, LLC and also known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing assignment on behalf of Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire, LLC and acknowledged to me that such company executed the same.


Notary Public

Betsy E. Staeger
Notary Public
Residence - Portage City
State Wide Jurisdiction, Ohio
My Commission Expires December 21, 2006