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WHEREAS, I, Yukinobu NISHIKITA as assignor, have invented certain improvements
in "REINFORCING BAND FOR CONVEYER BELTS, AND CONVEYER BELT USING THE SAME"

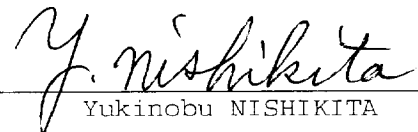
for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been executed by me (us) of
even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION, a corporation organized and existing under the
laws of Japan, located at 10-1, Kyobashi 1-Chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 104-0031, Japan

as assignee, is desirous of acquiring all right, title and interest in and to said invention
and any Patent that may be granted therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and
valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I (We), as assignor(s),
hereby sell, assign and set over to said assignee the entire right, title and interest for
the United States and all other countries in and to said invention and the aforesaid
application for Patent, all original, divisional, continuation, substitute or reissue
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authorized and requested to issue all patents on said inventions or resulting therefrom to
said assignee herein, as assignee of the entire interest therein; and the undersigned for
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everything necessary to assist assignee, its successors, assigns and nominees to obtain
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expenses incident to said applications to be borne and paid by said assignee.

Date: January 23, 2003


Yukinobu NISHIKITA

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