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WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignors, have invented

## REDUCED LOAD GASKET

for which Assignors are filing a United States Utility Patent Application concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership, having a place of business at 47690 East Anchor Court, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignors by this written document do sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee and its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States and the Paris Convention, to the said invention described above, said invention and all United States applications for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignors had this assignment and sale not been made; and Assignors hereby covenant and agree to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of United States application for patent and all foreign countries on, for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to the said invention, the United States application for patent, or Letters Patent therefore for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States of America to Assignee.

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