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WHEREAS, Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Country of Switzerland, and having an office for the transaction of business at Route Louis Braille 10 et 12, Granges-Paccot, Switzerland, CH-1763, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefor, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that WE, the said, JEAN-MICHEL FAVROT and PHILLIPPE LAUBRY, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to us in hand paid by said Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., and other valuable considerations unto us moving from said Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention entitled "PROCESS OF PREPARATION OF AMINO FUNCTIONALIZED DIENE POLYMERS, POLYMERS OF SUCH TYPE, RUBBER COMPOSITION AND TIRE CASING CONTAINING THOSE POLYMERS" filed January 6, 2000, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries claiming priority to this application for Letters Patent of the United States filed herewith and any and all improvements, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefrom, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

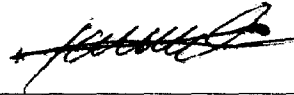
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AND WE, the said, JEAN-MICHEL FAVROT and PHILLIPPE LAUBRY, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., its successors and assigns, that we have the full power to

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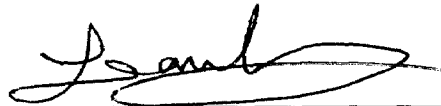
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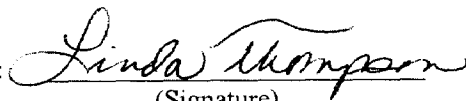
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