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Gary Bernard Shumacher  
Randy Ray Beller**
- 2. Name and address of receiving party: **The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company  
1144 East Market Street  
Akron, OH 44316**

- 3. Nature of conveyance:
  - Assignment  Merger
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  - Other

Execution Date(s): **August 30, 2001**

- 4. Application number: **09/919,539**  
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- 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning documents should be mailed: **Heather M. Barnes, Esq.  
c/o Bruce J. Hendricks, Esq.  
The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company  
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Respectfully submitted,

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### ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Thomas Francis Quinn of 1820 Westward Drive, Wadsworth, Ohio 4281; Gary Bernard Shumacher of 223 Park Street, Navarre, Ohio 44662, and Randy Ray Beller of 1876 Wendover Circle NE North Canton, Ohio 44720 have invented certain improvements in **BLADDER LIFTING APPARATUS AND METHOD**, and described in a patent application executed the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 2001 by the undersigned for filing in The United States of America, being owner(s) of all right, title and interest in and to said application and in and to any invention described therein and having full right to convey the entire interest both legal and equitable herein assigned; and

WHEREAS, The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, a corporation of the State of Ohio (assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and said invention described therein and any and all patents to be obtained therefor, all as hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration received by the undersigned, the undersigned does (do) hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or inventions, as described in the aforesaid application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to the aforesaid application; and in and to any application filed in any foreign country based thereon, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of the International Convention; also the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents or reissues or extensions thereof to be obtained in this or any foreign country upon said invention or inventions and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or substitute applications which may be filed upon said invention or inventions in this or any foreign country; and the undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said application or applications to said assignee or its successors and assigns.

The undersigned further agree(s) to execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, improvement, extension, reissue and other patent applications in this or any foreign country relating to said application or invention and to sign all other lawful papers and to perform all other lawful acts without further consideration, but without expense to myself (ourselves), which the assignee may deem necessary or desirable to make this Assignment fully effective including by way of example, but not of limitation, the following acts:

- (1) Prompt execution of all lawful oaths, affidavits and/or supplemental oaths required or deemed advisable by the assignee to further the prosecution of any application or applications for letters patent relating to the subject matter of this Assignment;
- (2) To co-operate to the best of my (our) ability in the execution of all lawful documents, the production of evidence, and the giving of testimony in interference, opposition, nullification or infringement proceedings involving the said invention or improvement, applications or patents or any of them.

The undersigned hereby authorize(s) said assignee to insert in this Assignment the serial number and filing date of the above-identified application when known.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has (have) hereunto set his (their) hand(s) and seal(s) on the date(s) set after his (their) signature(s).

Judith K. Lach (L.S.) Thomas Francis Quinn August 30 2001  
Witness

Judith K. Lach (L.S.) Gary Bernard Shumacher 2001 8/30/01  
Witness

Judith K. Lach (L.S.) Randy Ray Beller 8/30 2001  
Witness

State of Ohio )  
County of Summit ) SS:

On this 30th day of August, 2001 before me personally appeared Thomas Francis Quinn,  
Gow Bernard Schumacher and Randy Ruchkeller, to me personally known, and known to me to be the person(s) who signed the  
foregoing assignment, and acknowledge the signing of same as his (their) free act and deed.

Frederick K. Lacher  
Notary Public

FREDERICK K. LACHER, Attorney at Law  
Notary Public STATE OF OHIO  
My Commission has no Expiration Date

State of Ohio )  
of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001 before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
to me personally known, and known to me to be the person(s) who  
signed the foregoing assignment, and acknowledge the signing of same as his (their) free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

State of Ohio )  
of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001 before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
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