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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): Name: The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Internal Address: Department 823 Street Address: 1144 East Market Street City: Akron State: OH Zip: 44316-0001 Fax Number: 330-796-9018 Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? [] yes [X] no

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Name: The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Internal Address: Dept 823 - Docket DN2001-129 Street Address: 1144 East Market Street City: Akron State: OH Zip: 44316-0001

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40.00 [] Enclosed [X] Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit Account Number: 07-1725 (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Ronald Alan Wellman, Kent Alan Stubbendieck, Thomas Goodsell Hutchins, Mario Antonio Rago, of 3577 Menchhofer Road, Coldwater, Ohio 45828, U.S.A., 220 Pheasant Run, Wadsworth, Ohio 44281, U.S.A., 11937 Basswood Avenue, N.W., Uniontown, Ohio 44685, U.S.A., 45 Pamcrest Drive, Toronto, Canada M2M2M2, respectively

have invented certain improvements in METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING ENDLESS REINFORCED RUBBER ARTICLES

and described in a patent application executed the 5th day of July ~~4th, 7th~~, day of September, 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 & RUBBER COMPANY, of Akron, Ohio 44316, 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 cooperate 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).

(L.S.) _____, 2001
WITNESS Ronald Alan Wellman
Conrad A. Demming (L.S.) Ronald Alan Wellman, September 17, 2001
WITNESS Kent Alan Stubbendieck
Lois J. Gould (L.S.) Kent Alan Stubbendieck, Sept. 7, 2001
WITNESS Thomas Goodsell Hutchins
Lois J. Gould (L.S.) Thomas Goodsell Hutchins, 6 July 2001
WITNESS Mario Antonio Rago
[Signature] (L.S.) Mario Antonio Rago, September 04 2001

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State of Ohio)
County of Cuyahoga) SS:

On this 17th day of SEPTEMBER, 2001, before me personally appeared Ronald Alan Wellman 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.

Connie A. Dennings
Notary Public

CONNIE A. DENNINGS
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO
My Commission Expires July 19, 2004

State of Ohio)
County of Summit) SS:

On this 7th day of September, 2001, before me personally appeared Kent Alan Stubbendieck 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.

Lois J. Gould
Notary Public

LOIS J. GOULD, Notary Public
Residence - Summit County
State Wide Jurisdiction, Ohio
My Commission Expires Oct 27, 2001

State of Ohio)
County of Summit) SS:

On this 5th day of July, 2001, before me personally appeared Thomas Goodsell Hutchins 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.

Lois J. Gould
Notary Public

LOIS J. GOULD, Notary Public
Residence - Summit County
State Wide Jurisdiction, Ohio
My Commission Expires Oct. 27, 2001

Province
State of Ontario)
Canada of) SS:

On this 4th day of September, 2001, before me personally appeared Mario Antonio Rago 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.

[Signature]
Notary Public