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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, FABIEN CHATIGNOUX, citizen of France whose post office address is 11 rue Thomas, 63000 Clermont-Ferrand, France, have made an invention entitled "TREAD OF A TIRE" as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States Serial No. 29/193,587, filed November 12, 2003; and

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 CH-1763, Switzerland, 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 I, the said, FABIEN CHATIGNOUX, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to me in hand paid by said Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., and other valuable considerations unto me 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 "TREAD OF A TIRE" as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States Serial No. 29/193,587, filed November 12, 2003, 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 Serial No. 29/193,587, filed November 12, 2003 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;

AND I, the said, FABIEN CHATIGNOUX do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behalf of said Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., its successors and assigns;

AND I, the said, FABIEN CHATIGNOUX for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., its successors and assigns, that I have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that I, my executor or administrator, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers,

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affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents which, in the opinion of counsel for said Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary to more effectively secure to and vest in said Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that I will sign any applications for reissue which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patents which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

IT WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the said FABIEN CHATIGNOUX, have set my hand and seal on the date below written.

Subscribed and executed at Cormont Formed, this 15th day of hor . 2003.

Decomber, 2003.	FABIEN CHATIGNOUX	
Witness: ¿Odo Jou∨€ (Print)	(Signature)	Date: Decomber 15, 2003
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