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A. Patent Application No.(s) 09/840288

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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Assignment of United States Patents and Patent Applications

WHEREAS, Bridgestone/Firestone Research, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company (hereinafter "Assignor"), having a principal place of business at 1659 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44301, is the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to United States application 09/840288 filed on April 23, 2001 (hereinafter "Patent"); and

WHEREAS, Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company (hereinafter "Assignee"), having a principal place of business at 1 Bridgestone Park, Nashville, Tennessee 37214 desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the Patents;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, and transfer, Assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to the Patent, the inventions disclosed therein and all reissues, reexaminations, and extensions thereof, all said rights to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its own use and for the use of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which the Patent has been or will be granted, reexamined, extended or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor if this assignment and transfer had not been made, and Assignor hereby assigns any and all claims and causes of action for infringement of such Patent which have accrued up to and including the date of this Assignment, including all rights to recover damages and injunctive relief in respect to such infringement.

Assignor further agrees that Assignor will, without demanding any further consideration therefore, at the request but at the expense of Assignee, do all lawful and just acts, including the execution and acknowledgement of instruments, that may be or become necessary for obtaining, sustaining, reexamining or reissuing the Patent and for maintaining and perfecting Assignee's right to the Patent and Technology.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Bridgestone/Firestone Research, LLC has caused these presents to be signed by its duly authorized officer below named.

Bridgestone/Firestone Research, LLC

By: John M. Vasuta

Title: Assistant Secretary

Date and Time: March 18, 2004

State of Ohio)

County of Summit)

ss.:

On this 3-18-04, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared John M. Vasuta, to me known to be Assistant Secretary of Bridgestone/Firestone Research, LLC and also known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing assignment on behalf of Bridgestone/Firestone Research, LLC and acknowledged to me that such company executed the same.

Betsy E. Staeger
Notary Public

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