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WHEREAS, WE, THIERRY AUGUET, JEAN-LOUIS LINDA and PIERRE VARENNE, citizens of France and Switzerland, whose post office addresses are Route du Verger, 21 CH-1608 Chapelle Glâne, Switzerland; Impasse du Ruisseau, 6 CH-1635 La Tour-de-Treme, Switzerland and Route des Simon, 3 CH-1740 Neyrus, Switzerland, respectively, have made an invention entitled TRACTION CHAIN FOR A SERIES HYBRID VEHICLE, as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States Serial No. 10/732,014 filed December 10, 2003; and

WHEREAS, CONCEPTION ET DEVELOPPEMENT MICHELIN S.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, and having an office for the transaction of business at Route André Piler 30, CH-GIVISIEZ 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 WE, the said THIERRY AUGUET, JEAN-LOUIS LINDA and PIERRE VARENNE, 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 CONCEPTION ET DEVELOPPEMENT MICHELIN S.A., and other valuable considerations unto us moving from said CONCEPTION ET DEVELOPPEMENT MICHELIN 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 CONCEPTION ET DEVELOPPEMENT MICHELIN S.A. its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention entitled TRACTION CHAIN FOR A SERIES HYBRID VEHICLE, as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States Serial No. 10/732,014 filed December 10, 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 for said invention or improvements including all priority rights, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, 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 WE, the said THIERRY AUGUET, JEAN-LOUIS LINDA and PIERRE VARENNE, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said CONCEPTION ET DEVELOPPEMENT MICHELIN S.A., as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said CONCEPTION ET DEVELOPPEMENT MICHELIN S.A., its successors and assigns;

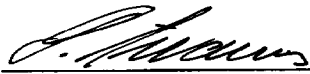
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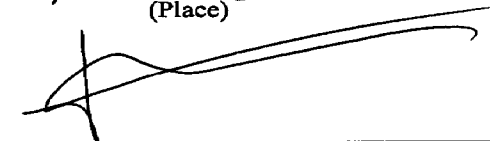
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AND WE, the said THIERRY AUGUET, JEAN-LOUIS LINDA and PIERRE VARENNE, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said CONCEPTION ET DEVELOPPEMENT MICHELIN S.A., its successors and assigns, that we have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that we, our executors or administrators, 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, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents which, in the opinion of counsel for said CONCEPTION ET DEVELOPPEMENT MICHELIN S.A., its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said CONCEPTION ET DEVELOPPEMENT MICHELIN S.A., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges, and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that we 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.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the said THIERRY AUGUET, JEAN-LOUIS LINDA and PIERRE VARENNE, have set our hands and seals on the date below written.

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(Date)



THIERRY AUGUET


Witness: Sylvia AWAIS
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