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☐ is being executed and filed concurrently herewith.

☒ was filed on 11/15/04, and now is designated as United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/989,211.

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To **BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE NORTH AMERICAN TIRE, LLC**, a corporation created and duly organized under the laws of the state of Delaware and having a place of business at Nashville, Tennessee, 37214, and its successors and assigns, I hereby

- assign, transfer, and set over the full and exclusive right to the above-described invention and to the above-described application for letters patent of the United States as well as any substitute, continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application filed thereon and to any letters patent of the United States that issues from such application(s) as well as any reissue application or request for reexamination filed on such letters patent;
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