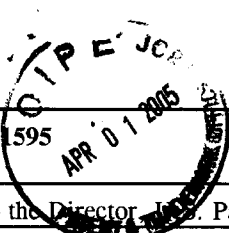


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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, I, DAVID BERTRAND, a citizen of France, whose post office address is 9, boulevard Paul Cézanne, F-63400 CHAMALIERES, France, have made an invention entitled MEASUREMENT OF THE MAXIMUM ADHESION COEFFICIENT BY MEASURING STRESS IN A BEAD OF A TIRE, as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States Serial No. 11/015,353 filed December 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE S.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Switzerland, and having an office for the transaction of business at Route Louis Braille 10 et 12, CH-1763 Granges-Paccot, 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 David Bertrand, 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 MEASUREMENT OF THE MAXIMUM ADHESION COEFFICIENT BY MEASURING STRESS IN A BEAD OF A TIRE, as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States Serial No. 11/015,353, filed December 17, 2004, 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 I, the said David Bertrand, 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 benefit of said MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE S.A., its successors and assigns;

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the said David Bertrand, have set my hand and seal on the date below written.

Subscribed and executed at Clermont-Ferrand - France  
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on March 24, 2005  
(Date)

  
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