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WHEREAS, we, GEORGE P. O'BRIEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at 142 Wren School Road, Piedmont, SC 29673, and JACK THIESEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at 219 West Chester Way, Easley, SC 29605, as assignors, have made an invention entitled

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING SEARCH TIME AND INCREASING SEARCH ACCURACY DURING INTERROGATION OF RESONANT DEVICES

as described in a patent application for U.S. Letters Patent, bearing U.S. Serial No. 11/335,183 which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 19, 2006; and

WHEREAS, MICHELIN RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE S.A., as assignee, is desirous of securing the entire right, title and interest in and to this invention in all countries throughout the world, and in and to the application for United States Letters Patent on this invention and the Letters Patent to be issued upon this application;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration the receipt of which from assignee is hereby acknowledged, we, as assignors, have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the assignee, its lawful successors and assigns, our entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention and this application, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof, and all rights to claim priority on the basis of such applications, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for this

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