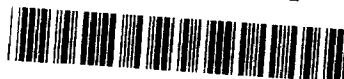


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We, Jie Jin, 271 Alexander CT, Copley, OH 44321, and Richard Wright, 1270 Harmony Drive, Wadsworth, OH 44281, have made an invention which now is described and claimed in an application for patent entitled Tire Having a Carcass Ply Turn-Up Portion with a Concave Segment, which application

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NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the obligations imposed by or arising under one or more of our employment agreement(s), advisor agreement(s), state or national statutes, common law, and administrative regulation, we hereby do make the following assignments -

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 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, Tennessee, 37214, and its successors and assigns, we hereby

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Jie Jin 7/27/06  
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Name: Richard Wright date 7/27/06