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Whereas, BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION, having a business address at 10-1, Kyobashi 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 104-8340, Japan, hereinafter called Assignee, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now, therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

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We hereby authorize and request our attorneys, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-3213, to insert here in parentheses (Application number \_\_\_\_\_, Confirmation number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_) the application number, confirmation number and filing date of said application when known.

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