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### Assignment

Whereas, I/We, Hajime KONDOU (hereinafter called Assignor(s)), have invented certain improvements in

MODIFIED NATURAL RUBBER MASTERBATCH AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME  
AS WELL AS RUBBER COMPOSITION AND TIRE

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on \_\_\_\_\_; and

Whereas, BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION  
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(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,

I/We, the above-named Assignor(s), hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above-named Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and I/we request the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the Assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the Assignee in connection with the United States application when called upon to do so by the Assignee.

I/We hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number PCT/JP2005/021280 and Confirmation number \_\_\_\_\_, filed November 18, 2005) the application number, confirmation number and filing date of said application when known.

Date: May 14, 2007 Hajime Kondou  
s/ Hajime KONDOU

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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