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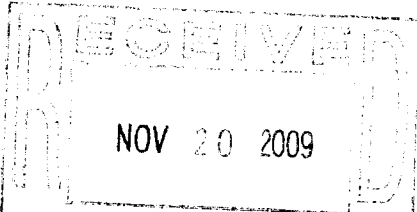
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Thomas Grüter, residing at Lippstadt, Germany and Reinhard Frenser, residing at Rheda-Wiedenbrück, Germany, (hereinafter "ASSIGNORS"), have invented a Teat Rubber with Shock-Absorbing Properties ("the invention"), for which application is being made for Letters Patent in the United States as Application No. 12/309,237 filed on January 9, 2009 ("the application"), and

WHEREAS, GEA WestfaliaSurge GmbH (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Germany, and having its principal office at Siemensstraße 25-27, 59199 Bönen, Germany is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which by ASSIGNORS from ASSIGNEE is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title, and interest for the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in and to the invention as described in the above application and in and to the application, and any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted therefor, and any and all reissues of said Letters Patent, the same to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted or may be reissued or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNORS had this assignment and sale not been made;

ASSIGNORS hereby authorize the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States on the invention or resulting from the application and from any and all divisions and continuations thereof to ASSIGNEE of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same;

ASSIGNORS do further hereby agree to provide all reasonable aid to ASSIGNEE in the making and prosecuting of this and any application for other Letters Patent that ASSIGNEE may wish to make covering the invention and in vesting in ASSIGNEE like exclusive right, title, and interest in and to all such other applications and resulting Letters Patent in similar proportion; and

ASSIGNORS hereby agree that ASSIGNORS will similarly aid ASSIGNEE in the prosecution of any interference that may arise involving any application for Letters Patent herein contemplated and that ASSIGNORS will execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE any and all additional papers that may be reasonably requested by ASSIGNEE to fully carry out the terms of this Assignment.

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