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AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, ASSIGNOR(S) (listed above) are inventor(s) of an invention entitled  
"RUBBER WEAR RESISTANCE EVALUATION METHOD" (Invention) for which a non-  
provisional application for United States Letters Patent

- was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and accorded U.S. application no. \_\_\_\_\_ or  
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ASSIGNOR(S) hereby authorizes and requests ASSIGNEE'S legal representatives, of  
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WHEREAS, ASSIGNEE, a corporation of the country of Japan, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the Invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefore in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR(S) hereby sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said Invention and any improvements thereto, said Application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said Invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all provisional, divisions, reissues, re-examinations and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said Invention, application and all letters patent on said Invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR(S) had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR(S) hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said Invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR(S) agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters patent on said Invention, for litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said Invention or letters patent therefore.

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AND ASSIGNOR(S) DOES HEREBY covenant and agree that ASSIGNOR(S) will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to ASSIGNOR respecting the Invention or said application, and testify in any legal proceeding, assist in the preparation of any other patent property relating to the application and the Invention or any improvements made thereto, sign/execute all lawful papers, provide all requested documents, execute and make all rightful oaths and/or declarations in connection with the application and the Invention including any improvements made thereto, any patent applications filed therefrom, and any continuing application filed from any of the aforementioned applications, and generally do everything possible to aid the ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the Invention in all countries. These provisions are binding upon our heirs, legal representatives, administrators, and assigns.

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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I believe that I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, and acknowledge the duty to disclose to the US Patent & Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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