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**COMBINED DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) AND ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION  
FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT**

米国特許用の宣言書（米国特許規則第1.63条）付き譲渡書

Title of Invention（発明の名称）：

**RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR TENNIS BALL**

私は、以下に記名された発明者として、ここに下記の通り宣言する：

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

本宣言書付き譲渡書は、以下の出願に対するものである：

This combined declaration and assignment is directed to:

- 添付された出願、あるいは、  
 米国出願番号またはPCT国際出願番号は、  
\_\_\_\_\_であり、且つ  
\_\_\_\_\_の日に  
出願された出願（該当する  
場合）

- The attached application, or  
 United States application or PCT international  
application number \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_

上記出願書（明細書及び図面）は、私が作成したものか、あるいは私がその作成を許可したものである。

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

私は、本米国出願の請求範囲で記載された発明に対する原発明者であるか、或いは、原共同発明者であると信じている。

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

私は、ここでの宣誓または陳述において故意に偽りを述べた場合、合衆国法典第18巻第1001条に基づき、罰金あるいは5年以下の懲役、または、両方の懲罰を受けることを認識している。

I hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this declaration is punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

下記に署名した者（以下、“譲渡人”）は、上記で特定される出願書類の中に記載されたいくつかの改良について発明を行ったものである。

**WHEREAS** the undersigned, also referred to hereinafter as the assignor, has invented a certain improvement relating to the above identified application.

\_\_\_\_\_の \_\_\_\_\_（譲受人）は、本出願および当該出願を基とした分割出願、継続出願に対するすべての権利、権原、および利益、ならびに当該出願および発明に対して得られる米国特許の取得を希望しているため、

**AND WHEREAS** Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd. of 6-9, Wakinohama-cho 3-chome, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo 651-0072 JAPAN, hereinafter referred to as the assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor,

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**NOW**, therefore, for good and valuable consideration from said assignee to said assignor, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said assignor hereby assigns, sells and transfers to said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States that may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof, including the right to claim priority under 35 USC §119, said assignor authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the assignee, it's successors and assigns, said assignor will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the assignee, it's successors or assigns, in connection with the United States application when called upon to do so by the assignee.

下記に署名したものは、この書類の記録に関し米国特許商標局の規則を遵守するために必要または望ましい場合には、STUDEBAKER & BRACKETT PC法律事務所に本宣言書付き譲渡書の譲渡書の部分に必要な事項を加える権限を許諾します。

The undersigned hereby grants the law firm of STUDEBAKER & BRACKETT PC the power to insert on the Assignment portion of this combined Declaration and Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

**STATEMENT OF ACCURATE TRANSLATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR 1.69(b):**

The Combined Declaration and Assignment of Application for United States Letters Patent is an accurate translation of the corresponding English language Combined Declaration and Assignment of Application for United States Letters Patent.

Signature: Junko Kanigri

Date: March 9, 2017

発明者氏名/ Legal Name of Inventor

**Takehiko HYODO**

発明者の署名/ Signature

Takehiko Hyodo

日付/ Date

November 19, 2019

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR  
DECLARATION AND ASSIGNMENT  
宣言書ならびに譲渡証の補足シート

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<b>Title of Invention</b>	RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR TENNIS BALL		
This statement is directed to:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The attached application,			
OR			
<input type="checkbox"/> United States application or PCT international application number _____ filed on _____.			
<b>LEGAL NAME of inventor to whom this substitute statement applies:</b>			
(E.g., Given Name (first and middle (if any)) and Family Name or Surname)			
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Mailing Address (except for a deceased or legally incapacitated inventor):			
c/o Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd., 6-9, Wakino-hama-cho 3-chome, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi			
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I believe the above-named inventor or joint inventor to be the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.			
The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me.			
I hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this statement is punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.			
Relationship to the inventor to whom this substitute statement applies:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Representative (for deceased or legally incapacitated inventor only),			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignee,			
<input type="checkbox"/> Person to whom the inventor is under an obligation to assign,			
<input type="checkbox"/> Person who otherwise shows a sufficient proprietary interest in the matter (petition under 37 CFR 1.46 is required), or			
<input type="checkbox"/> Joint Inventor.			

This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 115 and 37 CFR 1.63. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1 minute to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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## SUBSTITUTE STATEMENT

Circumstances permitting execution of this substitute statement:

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 Inventor is under legal incapacity,  
 Inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort, or  
 Inventor has refused to execute the oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63.

If there are joint inventors, please check the appropriate box below:

- An application data sheet under 37 CFR 1.76 (PTO/AIA/14 or equivalent) naming the entire inventive entity has been or is currently submitted.

OR

- An application data sheet under 37 CFR 1.76 (PTO/AIA/14 or equivalent) has not been submitted. Thus, a Substitute Statement Supplemental Sheet (PTO/AIA/11 or equivalent) naming the entire inventive entity and providing inventor information is attached. See 37 CFR 1.64(b).

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### PERSON EXECUTING THIS SUBSTITUTE STATEMENT:

Name: General Manager Masahiro Hanya (Nov. 25th 2019)  
Date (Optional):

Signature: 

### APPLICANT NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON EXECUTING THIS SUBSTITUTE STATEMENT:

If the applicant is a juristic entity, list the applicant name and the title of the signer:

Applicant Name: Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.

Title of Person Executing

This Substitute Statement:

The signer, whose title is supplied above, is authorized to act on behalf of the applicant.

### Residence of the signer (unless provided in an application data sheet, PTO/AIA/14 or equivalent):

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