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The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

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Securities and Exchange Commission
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Gentlemen:

In accordance with order 4-460 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, enclosed are written statements, each under oath and in the form of Exhibit A to said order, appropriately completed, of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company with regard to the covered reports referred to therein.

Very truly yours,



Assistant General Counsel

G V Wittkamper
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Enclosures

cc: S G Gibara
R W Tieken
C T Harvie

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STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, Samir G. Gibara, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

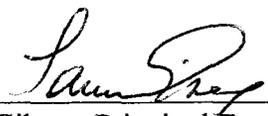
- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's Audit Committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

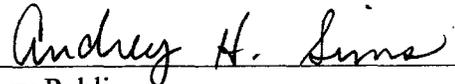
- The Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Date: August 6, 2002



Samir G. Gibara, Principal Executive Officer of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of August, 2002.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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AUDREY H. SIMS, Notary Public
Residence - Summit County
State Wide Jurisdiction, Ohio
My Commission Expires Feb. 1, 2004