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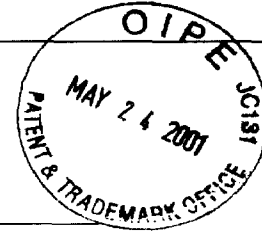
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Address: WAYN-TEX, Inc.
901 S. Delphine Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22801
Country: United States
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Attorney: Jonathan D. Link
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Kirk D. SMITH (the "Assignor"), residing at 214 Emerald Hill Drive, Fishersville, VA 22939 has made an invention entitled

**CARPET BACKING COMPONENTS AND METHODS OF
MAKING AND USING THE SAME**

described in the application for United States Letters Patent filed on July 7, 1999, and accorded serial number 09/348,760, and

WHEREAS, WAYN-TEX, Inc. (the "Assignee"), a Delaware Corporation having a place of business at 901 S. Delphine Avenue, Waynesboro, Virginia 22980, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention in and to the application and all Letters Patent of the United States or any foreign country, including continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues, reexaminations, extensions, substitutes and divisions which may be granted therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Assignor, by these presents do sell, assign, set over and transfer unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the full and exclusive right in and to the said invention as described in the said application, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States or any foreign country, including continuations, continuations-in-part, reissue, reexaminations, extensions, substitutes and divisions which may be granted therefor and all rights to claim priority on the basis of said application;

AND I HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks or any other proper officer or agency of any country to issue all said Letters Patent to said Assignee;

AND I HEREBY warrant and covenant that I have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned and that I have not executed and will not execute any instrument or assignment in conflict herewith;

AND I HEREBY agree to communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said invention, to execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue, reexamination, extension, substitute and foreign applications, sign all lawful documents and make all rightful oaths and declarations relating to said inventions, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to this invention in said assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, and to testify in any judicial or administrative proceeding and generally do everything possible to aid the said Assignee to obtain and enforce said Letters Patent in the United States or any foreign country when requested so to do by said Assignee.

Signature of Inventor: [Handwritten Signature]
Inventor's Name: Kirk D. SMITH
Inventor's Address: 214 Emerald Hill Drive, Fishersville, VA 22939
Date of Execution: 9/30/99

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

COUNTY OF Augusta
STATE OF Virginia)^{ss:}

On this 30th day of August, 1999, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Kirk Smith, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

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Mona S. Harris
Notary Public

My commission Expires: April 30, 2002