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 Street Address: Fabianinkatu 9 A
 City: Helsinki Country: Finland
 Zip: FIN-00130

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

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Assignment

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. Fucas, of Denmark, Wisconsin; Michael J. Daul, of Appleton, Wisconsin; and David R. Mulry, of Combined Locks, Wisconsin (hereinafter "ASSIGNORS"), have invented a Winder Splicing Nip Guard, for which application is being made for Letters Patent in the United States, Application No. 10/076,030, filed Feb. 12, 2002 and

WHEREAS, METSO PAPER, INC. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE") of Fabianinkatu 9 A, FIN-00130 Helsinki, Finland is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which by ASSIGNORS from ASSIGNEE is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS by these presents do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title, and interest for the territory of 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 patent application. The invention, application, and Letters Patent are to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE for its own use, and by its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNORS had this Assignment and sale not been made.

ASSIGNORS do further hereby agree to provide all reasonable aid to ASSIGNEE in the making and prosecuting of any application for other Letters Patent that ASSIGNEE may wish to make covering the invention claimed in the application 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. 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.

Executed this 14 day of March, 2002.

ASSIGNOR:

Lawrence J. Fucas (SEAL)
Lawrence J. Fucas

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STATE OF Wisconsin)

) ss.

COUNTY OF Out)

This instrument was signed before me at Appleton on the 14 day of March
(city or town)

2002, by Lawrence J. Fucas.

Betty A. Kunkle
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission: 1-25-2004

Executed this 5 day of March, 2002.

ASSIGNOR:

Michael J. Daul (SEAL)
Michael J. Daul

STATE OF Wisconsin)

COUNTY OF Outagamie) ss.

This instrument was signed before me at Appleton on the 15 day of March,
(city or town)
2002, by Michael J. Daul.

Betty A. Kuehle, Notary Public
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission: 1-25-2004

Executed this 28 day of MARCH, 2002.

ASSIGNOR:

David R. Mulry (SEAL)
David R. Mulry

STATE OF Wisconsin)

COUNTY OF Outagamie) ss.

This instrument was signed before me at Appleton on the 28 day of March,
(city or town)
2002, by David R. Mulry.

Betty A. Kuehle, Notary Public
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission: 1-25-2004