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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, Nicolas Baskevitch, a citizen of France and resident of 11870 North Hickory Trace, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004, as assignor, has made an invention entitled "REDUCTION OF NITROSAMINES IN TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS" as described in Serial No. 09/971,091 for U.S. Letters Patent filed on October 3, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc., a corporation of the State of Georgia, and whose address is 100 North Point Center East, Suite 600, Alpharetta, Georgia 30202, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or inventions and any and all patents obtained therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or inventions, as described in the aforesaid application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to the aforesaid application, and in and to any applications filed in any foreign country based thereon, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of International Convention; also the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents or reissues or extensions thereof to be obtained in this or any foreign country upon said invention, inventions, or improvements and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or substitute applications which may be filed upon said invention,

inventions, or improvements in this or any foreign country, and I hereby authorize and request the issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said application or applications to said Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc., as assignee of the entire interest.

I further agree, without any payment by Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc. other than expenses incurred by the undersigned, to communicate to said Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc., its representatives or agents, any facts relating to said invention, or inventions or improvements, including evidence for interference purposes or for other legal proceedings, whenever requested; and to execute and deliver, on request, all lawful papers required to make any of the foregoing provisions effective.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has executed this document on the date indicated below.

Nicolas Baskevitch  
Nicolas Baskevitch

September 2, 2003  
Date