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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Niels Hardt, residing at Erchenstrasse 42, 89522 Heidenheim, Federal Republic of Germany; and Michael Schwarz, residing at Humboldtstrasse 39, 89522 Heidenheim, Federal Republic of Germany have invented certain improvements in:

### METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A FIBROUS WEB

described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No.10/980,390, filed November 3, 2004;  
and

WHEREAS, Voith Paper Patent GmbH, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the country of the Federal Republic of Germany, having a place of business at Sankt Pöltener Strasse 43, D-89522 Heidenheim, Federal Republic of Germany, is to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said application for Letters Patent;

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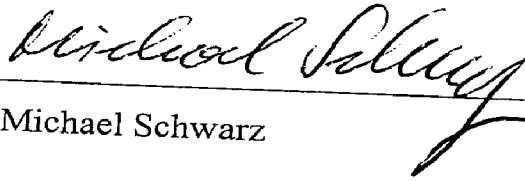
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Executed this 11 day of November, 2004.



Niels Hardt



Michael Schwarz