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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT AFFIRMS PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE DECISION IN FAVOR OF JODI SCHWENDIMANN-OWNED PATENTS IN FINAL APPEAL**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (March 31, 2016) – Beginning in 2013, Arkwright Advanced Coatings, Inc (AACI) initiated a patent interference at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) pertaining to patents for image transfer to dark textiles owned by Jodi Schwendimann and licensed to NuCoat, Inc. This proceeding challenged the inventorship of these patents.

The USPTO's initial interference decision in February, 2015, ruled in favor of Schwendimann and confirmed the original inventorship of the patents. Following this ruling, AACI appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (Federal Circuit). The Federal Circuit affirmed the USPTO's decision in favor of Schwendimann, again confirming the original inventorship of the dark image transfer media patents.

The decision, announced by the Federal Circuit on March 9, 2016, markedly resolves this two-and-a-half year challenge in favor of Schwendimann, effectively striking down each and every argument that AACI raised on appeal.

Patent law allows for patent holders to enforce at all levels of the supply chain. This Federal Circuit decision, combined with a previous victory Schwendimann achieved in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota through her company MJ Solutions GmbH (MJS) against AACI relating to other dark image transfer patents and a permanent injunction prohibiting AACI from the production, distribution, and sale of image transfer media for dark fabrics, supports the strength of the many patents owned by Schwendimann and MJS. Currently, Schwendimann and MJS license their patent portfolios to NuCoat, a Minnesota-based paper coating manufacturer. These rulings further demonstrate Schwendimann and MJS's ability to enforce their patents against infringing parties that make, use, sell or offer to sell image transfer media.

About MJ Solutions GmbH, NuCoat, and Schwendimann.

MJ Solutions is a Swiss-based company, which licenses its substantial patent portfolio to NuCoat, a Plymouth, Minnesota based paper coating technology developer and manufacturer. NuCoat has been involved in the image transfer industry for more than fifteen years and, together with patents owned by MJS and Schwendimann, has rights to patented technology spanning more than two decades. Between them, the companies own or have rights to a total of 70 patents, with over 50 in the image transfer media industry, including patents that provide valuable intellectual property rights to the "peel first" technology and process relating to image transfers.