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December 18, 2014

Mr. Matthew P. Richardson Radiation Safety Officer – Taylor Office Somat Engineering, Inc. 26445 Northline Road Taylor, MI 48180

SUBJECT:

AMENDMENT TO NRC MATERIAL LICENSE AND

NON-CITED VIOLATION - SOMAT ENGINEERING, INC.

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 15 to your NRC Material License No. 21-24685-01 in accordance with your request. Changes made to your license are printed in **bold** font.

Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we may provide appropriate corrections and answers.

In an amendment request transmitted to our office via an email dated September 30, 2014, you requested a change of address for your Grand Rapids office to 4039 40th Street SE, Suite 4, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512. In a letter dated October 29, 2014, you indicated that the five Troxler portable density gauges had already been moved to the new location on August 4, 2014.

Based on the results of our review, the NRC has determined that one violation of an NRC requirement has occurred. The violation concerned your failure to confine your possession of byproduct materials to the location authorized by the license (3390 Broadmoor Avenue, SE, Suite G, Grand Rapids, Michigan) from August 4, 2014, until the date of this license amendment, as required by Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Section 30.34(c).

The violation was evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html. The violation was categorized at Severity Level IV (very low safety significance) because it represents a failure to seek NRC approval before changing the location where license material is being stored that has little or no radiological or programmatic significance, and all other safety and security requirements have been met. Because you self-identified the violation, it is being treated as a Non-Cited Violation (NCV).

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As corrective action, you submitted an amendment request to add the new location to your license on September 30, 2014. With the issuance of this amendment, you are in compliance with NRC requirements.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence, and the date when full compliance was achieved, is already adequately addressed on the docket in this letter. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description herein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. If you contest the subject or severity of the violation, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this letter, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555–0001, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission–Region III, 2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210, Lisle, IL 60532–4352; the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

You will be periodically inspected by NRC. Failure to conduct your program in accordance with NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC will result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation, or imposition of a civil penalty, or an order suspending, modifying or revoking your license as specified in the General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions. Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance which NRC expects of its licensees.

The NRC's Safety Culture Policy Statement became effective in June 2011. While a policy statement and not a regulation, it sets forth the agency's *expectations* for individuals and organizations to establish and maintain a positive safety culture. You can access the policy statement and supporting material that may benefit your organization on NRC's safety culture Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/safety-culture.html. We strongly encourage you to review this material and adapt it to your particular needs in order to develop and maintain a positive safety culture as you engage in NRC-regulated activities.

NRC's Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2005-31 provides criteria to identify security-related sensitive information and guidance for handling and marking of such documents. This ensures that potentially sensitive information is not made publicly available through ADAMS, the NRC's electronic document system. Pursuant to NRC's RIS 2005-31 and in accordance with 10CFR 2.390, the enclosed license document is exempt from public disclosure because its disclosure to unauthorized individuals could present a security vulnerability. The RIS may be located on the NRC Web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2005/ri200531.pdf and the link for frequently asked questions regarding protection of security related sensitive information may be located at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/sensitive-info/fag.html.

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Sincerely,

Patricia J. Pelke, Chief

Materials Licensing Branch

Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

License No. 21-24685-01 Docket No. 030-29146

Enclosure: Amendment No. 15

cc: Micah J. Brooks, Radiation Safety Officer

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Patricia J. Pelke, Chief Materials Licensing Branch Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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