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In the Matter of Application Serial No. 78/376367
For the Mark: SAFE STEP
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North American Salt Company)	
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v.)	Opposition No.: 91171084
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Illinois Tool Works Inc.)	
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Applicant.)	
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESS ABANDONMENT

By submission of this request, Applicant, Illinois Tool Works Inc. ("Applicant"), hereby expressly abandons application of the "SAFE STEP" mark under Serial No. 78/376367 which is the subject of Opposition No. 91171084.

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Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of this REQUEST FOR EXPRESS ABANDONMENT has been served via first class mail on the date indicated and at the address indicated below:

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