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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. Please record the attac.

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<p>1. Name of Party(ies) conveying an interest:</p> <p>First Union National Bank 12th Floor, 999 Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30309</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>National Banking Association</u></p> <p>Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>2. Name and Address of Party(ies) receiving an interest:</p> <p>Name: <u>The Maxim Group, Inc.</u> Street Address: <u>690 Village Trace</u> Internal Address: <u>Building 21</u> City: <u>Marietta</u> State: <u>Georgia</u> Zip: <u>30067</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual(s) citizenship <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <u>Georgia</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>3. Nature of Conveyance:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assignment <input type="checkbox"/> Merger <input type="checkbox"/> Security Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Release of Security Interest In Trademarks</u></p> <p>Execution Date: <u>January 13, 1999</u></p>	

<p>4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):</p> <p>A. Trademark Application No.(s): <u>N/A</u></p>	<p>B. Trademark Registration No.(s): <u>See Attached</u></p> <p>Additional numbers attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:</p> <p>Name: <u>Mark H. Webbink, Esq.</u> Internal Address: <u>Moore & Van Allen, PLLC</u> Street Address: <u>2200 West Main Street, Suite 800</u> City: <u>Durham</u> State: <u>NC</u> ZIP: <u>27705</u></p>	<p>6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: <u>8</u></p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.4): \$ <u>215.00</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account (Any Deficiency)</p> <p>8. Deposit account number: <u>13-4365</u> (Attach duplicate copy of this form if paying by deposit account):</p>
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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Mark H. Webbink, Esq. [Signature] 1/19/99
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Schedule A

**U.S. Trademarks of The Maxim Group, Inc.
Subject to Security Interest of
First Union National Bank
Recorded at Reel 1529, Frame 0084 on October 2, 1996**

Registered Trademarks

Mark	Registration No.	Registration Date
CARPETMAX MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE and Design	1,873,957	1/17/95
CARPETMAX MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE and Design	1,862,102	11/8/94
MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE	1,843,344	7/5/94
CARPETMAX	1,859,007	10/18/94
CARPETMAX	1,843,048	7/5/94
MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE	1,863,792	11/22/94
CARPETMAX - THE NATIONAL CARPET EXCHANGE	1,616,209	10/2/90
CARPET MAX	1,583,764	2/20/90

TRADEMARK RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST

As of the date hereof, the undersigned First Union National Bank (the "**Secured Party**"), has not assigned or otherwise disposed of any interest in the Collateral described in the Security Agreement recorded with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 2, 1996 at Reel 1529, Frame 0084 (the "**Agreement**") with respect to the trademarks of The Maxim Group, Inc. (the "**Debtor**") listed in the attached Schedule A.

The Secured Party hereby releases for the benefit of the Debtor any and all security interests and all other interests in the Collateral granted in the Agreement.

Dated as of the 13 day of January, 1999.

Secured Party:

FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK

By: Irene M. Barton
Name: Irene M. Barton
Title: Vice President

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