with particulate tobacco to form a sheet of with uniform taste attributes when utilized in a smoking article.

According to the current disclosure there is provided a sheet of tobacco material comprising a flower of *Nicotiana* species plant that is disposed on the outer surface of the sheet of tobacco material and can optionally also be blended with or dispersed within the sheet of tobacco material. The sheet of tobacco composition can be formed with particulate tobacco or by blending the flower of *Nicotiana* species plant in powder or particulate form with the particulate tobacco. The tobacco or particulate blend is then formed into a sheet of tobacco material. The flower of *Nicotiana* species plant can be disposed on the already formed sheet material. This sheet material that includes flower of *Nicotiana* species plant that has been placed on its outer surface can optionally include flower of *Nicotiana* species plant disposed within the sheet material. The sheet material can then be blended with cut tobacco to form a tobacco blend. The resulting sheet of tobacco material can include at least 5 weight percent or about 5 to about 40 weight percent flower of *Nicotiana* species plant, based on the weight of the sheet material. This sheet of tobacco may be substantially free of flavour that is non-tobacco or non-*Nicotiana* species material.

Accordingly, in one aspect, there is provided a tobacco blend comprising: cut tobacco; and a sheet material comprising tobacco and one or more flowers of Nicotiana species plant, the sheet material having at least 5 weight percent of the one or more flowers of Nicotiana species plant based on the total weight of the ~~tobacco blend~~sheet material, wherein the one or more flowers of Nicotiana species plant is disposed on an outer surface of the sheet material. In one embodiment, there is provided a tobacco blend comprising: cut tobacco; and a sheet material comprising tobacco and one or more flowers of Nicotiana species plant, the sheet material having at least 1 weight percent of the one or more flowers of Nicotiana species plant based on the total weight of the tobacco blend, wherein the one or more flowers of Nicotiana species plant is disposed on an outer surface of the sheet material. One embodiment provides a tobacco blend as disclosed herein, wherein the sheet material is cut.

Another aspect provides a smoking article comprising the dried, cut tobacco blend disclosed herein.

Yet another aspect relates to a method comprising: forming a sheet material comprising tobacco, the sheet material having an outer surface; disposing one or more flowers of Nicotiana species plant on the outer surface of the sheet material and the sheet material having at least 5 weight percent of the one or more flowers of Nicotiana species plant based on the total weight of the tobacco sheet.

The tobacco composition and the methods according to the present disclosure provide an effective way to improve the tobacco sensory properties by placing the one or more flowers

CLAIMS:

1. A tobacco blend comprising:
cut tobacco; and
a sheet material comprising tobacco and one or more flowers of *Nicotiana* species plant, the sheet material having at least 5 weight percent of the one or more flowers of *Nicotiana* species plant based on the total weight of the ~~tobacco blend~~sheet material, wherein the one or more flowers of *Nicotiana* species plant is disposed on an outer surface of the sheet material.

2. The tobacco blend according to claim 1, wherein the flower of *Nicotiana* species plant is in particulate form or powder form.

3. The tobacco blend according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the sheet of tobacco comprises a reconstituted tobacco sheet.

4. The tobacco blend according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the *Nicotiana* species plant comprises a tobacco variety selected from Red Russian, K326, Lakson N. rustica, Kasturi, Kasturi Asep, Tombak, Basma Zihna, Basma Drama, or TI1112.

5. The tobacco blend according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the sheet of tobacco comprises about 5 to 40 weight percent flower of *Nicotiana* species plant, based on the total weight of the tobacco sheet.

6. The tobacco blend according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the sheet material is cut.

7. A smoking article comprising the dried, cut tobacco blend according to claim 6.

8. A method comprising:
forming a sheet material comprising tobacco, the sheet material having an outer surface;
disposing one or more flowers of *Nicotiana* species plant on the outer surface of the sheet material and the sheet material having at least 5 weight percent of the one or more flowers of *Nicotiana* species plant based on the total weight of the tobacco sheet.

9. The method according to claim 8 further comprising combining the sheet material with cut tobacco to form a tobacco blend.

10. The method according to claim 8 or 9 wherein the sheet material is formed by extruding or casting particulate tobacco.

11. The method according to any of claims 8 to 10 wherein the disposing step comprises disposing the one or more flowers of *Nicotiana* species plant having a particulate size in a range from about 25 to 200 micrometers on the tobacco sheet.

12. The method according to any of claims 8 to 11 wherein the forming step comprises blending one or more flowers of *Nicotiana* species plant in particulate form with particulate tobacco to form a particulate blend and forming the sheet material.

13. The method according to any of claims 8 to 12 wherein the one or more flowers of *Nicotiana* species plant is dried or freeze-dried prior to the disposing step.

14. The method according to any of claims 9 to 13 wherein the sheet of tobacco comprises at least ~~about~~ 10 weight percent flower of *Nicotiana* species plant, based on the total weight of the tobacco blend.

15. The method according to any one of claims 8 to 14 wherein the forming step comprises blending:

50 to 65 weight percent particulate tobacco;
5 to 20 weight percent flower of *Nicotiana* species plant;
5 to 20 weight percent water; and
15 to 25 weight percent glycerin,

all weights based on the total weight of the tobacco composition.

16. The method according to any one of claims 8 to 14 wherein the forming step comprises blending:

25 to 40 weight percent particulate tobacco;
25 to 40 weight percent flower of Nicotiana species plant;
5 to 20 weight percent water; and
15 to 25 weight percent glycerin,

all weights based on the total weight of the tobacco composition.