

ASSIGNMENT WORLD-WIDE

WHEREAS, we, **Marek S. KRAWEC** and **Edward G.A. SIMPSON**, citizens of Canada and residing at 23 Montclair Road, Richmond Hill, Ontario L3B 2T4, Canada and 71 Gilbank Drive, Aurora, Ontario L4G 6H9, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **CONTAINER FOR FILTER TIPPED CIGARETTE TUBES USED IN HAND MADE CIGARETTES** for which, on April 24, 1997, filed an application for Canadian Letter Patent thereon under Serial No. 2,203,596; and

WHEREAS, **ROTHMANS, BENSON & HEDGES INC.**, a company organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Ontario, having a place of business at 1500 Don Mills Road, North York, Ontario M3B 3L1, Canada, is desirous of acquiring the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said application inclusive of any and all priority rights derived therefrom for countries foreign to Canada, and in and to all Letters Patent issuing in countries foreign to Canada, including the United States of America, to be granted for said inventions based on patent applications filed in such foreign countries claiming priority from said application in Canada;

NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged we the said assignors, confirm having sold, assigned, transferred and set over and do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the invention disclosed in the aforesaid application inclusive of any and all priority rights derived therefrom, and in and to all Letters Patent and reissues thereof which may be granted upon such applications in countries foreign to Canada, including the United States of America; the same to be held and enjoyed by the said assignee for its own use and behoof, and for the use and behoof of its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent in foreign countries and reissues thereof may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment and sale not been made;

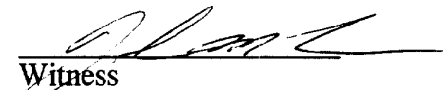
AND we hereby agree to execute, upon request, any and all further papers which may be necessary or desirable to enable the said assignee, its successors and assigns, to file and prosecute any and all applications for foreign Letters Patent on said invention; and we further agree to execute any and all further papers which may

be necessary or desirable to vest or perfect the title of said assignee, its successors and assigns, in and to the inventions therein disclosed, and in and to any and all foreign Letters Patent and reissues thereof which may be granted upon foreign applications, including the United States of America.

AND we hereby authorize and request The Commissioner of Patents to issue each and every Letters Patent to be granted upon the aforesaid foreign applications, including the United States of America, and upon any and all substitutes, divisions, and continuations of said foreign applications, and each and every reissue of said Letters Patent, to the said assignee, its successors and assigns, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein, in accordance with this assignment.


WITNESS my hand at TORONTO this 16th
day of April, 1998.


Marek S. KRAWEC


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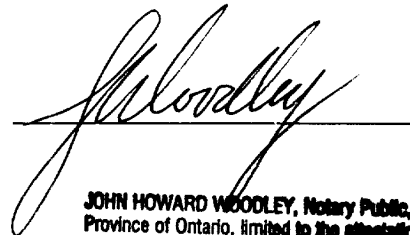
WITNESS my hand at TORONTO this 17th
day of April, 1998.


Edward G.A. SIMPSON


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Judicial District of York,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

I, John Howard Woodley, Notary Public residing in Metropolitan Toronto,
Province of Ontario, hereby certify that the attached Assignment from **Marek S.
KRAWEC and Edward G.A. SIMPSON to ROTHMANS, BENSON & HEDGES
INC.** for the invention entitled **CONTAINER FOR FILTER TIPPED CIGARETTE
TUBES USED IN HAND MADE CIGARETTES** and filed April 24, 1997 under
Serial No. 2,203,596 is a true copy of the original.



**JOHN HOWARD WOODLEY, Notary Public,
Province of Ontario, limited to the attestation of
instruments and the taking of affidavits, for work as
a Patent and Trade Mark Agent.
Expires February 23, 2001.**