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Date: September 1, 1998

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**IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICATION(S) AND/OR PATENT(S)
FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) RECORDAL**
(37 CFR 3.21 and 37 CFR 3.31(a)(4))

NOTE: "An assignment relating to a patent must identify the patent by the patent number. An assignment relating to a national patent application must identify the national patent application by the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 07/123,456) or the serial number and the filing date. An assignment relating to an international patent application which designates the United States of America must identify the international application by the international application number (e.g., PCT/US90/01234)." 37 CFR 3.21.

NOTE: § 3.21 does not apply to documents other than assignment. Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72 at 67).

1. This assignment is for the following patent application and/or issued patent:

National application: SN: 0 9 / 127,263 filed on July 31, 1998

Provisional application: / filed on

International application: PCT/ /

Patent No: Issued:

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- and also for the applications and/or patents shown on the attached list of FURTHER APPLICATION(S) and/or PATENT(S) BEING ASSIGNED

Number of pages added _____

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**TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND/OR PATENTS
AND TOTAL FEE (37 CFR 3.28(a)(6))**

2. A. The total number of applications and/or patents identified in this cover sheet is

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B. The total fee is (37 CFR 1.21(h)):

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NAME OF PARTY(IES) CONVEYING INTEREST
(37 CFR 3.31(a)(1))

NOTE: "The term 'party' as used in this rule [§ 3.31] means the person whose name appears on the documents to be recorded, that person's attorney or registered agent, or a corporate officer where a corporation's name appears on the documents." Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72, at 65).

3. The party(ies) conveying interest is (are):

- Name 1: Andrea BIONDI
- Name 2: Fiorenzo DRAGHETTI
- Name 3:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY(IES) RECEIVING INTEREST
(37 CFR 3.31(a)(2))

4. The rights are being conveyed to:

- Name: G.D SOCIETA' PER AZIONI
- Address: 40133 Bologna (Italy) Via
Pomponia, 10

**DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST CONVEYED OR
TRANSACTION RECORDED (37 CFR 3.31(a)(3))**

5. The accompanying document intends to accomplish:

- an assignment.
- a security agreement.
- a merger.
- a license.
- a change of name.
- a change of address.
- other:

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY TO WHOM
CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE MAILED (37 CFR 3.31(a)(5))**

6. Please address correspondence to:

Name: _____
Address: **ALAN COHEN**
GRUBBS & PARRY
38 WEST 61st STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10023
Telephone No.: (**Reg. No. 20302 (212) 708-1080**

**DATE ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) EXECUTED
(37 CFR 3.31(a)(7))**

7. The attached assignment (document) was executed on August 24, 1998
(date)

LANGUAGE OF ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO BE RECORDED

NOTE: "The Office will accept and record non-English language documents only if accompanied by a verified English translation signed by the individual making the translation." 37 CFR 3.26.

8. The attached document:

- is in the English language.
- is not in the English language and a verified English translation signed by the individual making the translation is attached.

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9. Submitted herewith is:

- the original document.
- a true copy of the original document, which I certify to be a true copy.

NOTE: "If the original [assignment] document is two-sided or the wrong size, the practitioner can comply with the requirement [set out in 37 C.F.R. § 3.24] by providing a true copy of the original document using only one side of each page on the correct size paper." Notice of June 24, 1992, 1140 O.G. 63-76, at 67.

NOTE: "Certification shall be made by the person submitting a copy of an original document that the document submitted is a true copy of the original. The certification is not required to be in an oath or declaration form." M.P.E.P., 6th ed., § 302.01.

ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO RECORD CHANGE OF ADDRESS

(check item, if applicable)

10. Because the purpose of the attached documents is to record a change of address of the assignee, the particulars of the previously recorded assignments for each application and/or patent are shown.

ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO RECORD CHANGE OF NAME

(check item, if applicable)

11. Because the purpose of the attached documents is to record a change of name of the assignee, the particulars of the previously recorded assignments for each application and/or patent are shown.

CHANGE OF PATENT MAINTENANCE FEE ADDRESS

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12. A change of address to which correspondence is to be sent regarding patent maintenance fees is being sent to the Office separately.

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**STATEMENT (37 CFR 3.31(a)(9)) AND
SIGNATURE (37 CFR 3.31(a)(10))**

13. 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.

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Date: September 1, 1998

Name of party submitting document

Signature of party submitting document

(complete the following if the party submitting the document is applicant's attorney)



SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

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(type or print name of attorney)

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TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES BEING SUBMITTED

14. The total number of pages being submitted, including cover sheet attachment(s), and documents are:

SEVEN (7)

Total number of pages submitted

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Serial No. 09/127,263

Filed July 31, 1998

Title "METHOD AND UNIT FOR CONVEYING PACKETS OF CIGARETTES"

For one dollar Messrs. Andrea BIONDI and Fiorenzo DRAGHETTI, two Italian** the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign(s) to: **G.D SOCIETA' PER AZIONI**

40133 BOLOGNA (Italy) Via Pomponia, 10

its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed by the undersigned on August 24, 19 98, and in said application and any and all other applications in the United States, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee:

G.D SOCIETA' PER AZIONI

The undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the date and serial number of said application when officially known.

The undersigned warrant(s) themselves (himself) to be the owners (owner) of the interest herein assigned and to have the right to make this assignment; and further warrant(s) that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other rights in the interest herein assigned.

For said considerations the undersigned hereby agree(s) upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns to execute any and all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and any and all applications and other documents for Letters Patent on said invention or improvements, that said assignee, its successors or assigns, may deem necessary or expedient, and for the aforesaid consideration the undersigned further agrees upon the request of said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the matter of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, the undersigned hereby agreeing to perform, upon request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent in the United States and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the said assignee, its successors and assigns, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment and sale had not been made.

Witness our (my) hand(s) and seal(s) this 24th day of August,
Nineteen Hundred and 98.

Witnesses:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

Andrea Biondi (Seal)
Fiorenzo Draghetti (Seal)
Fiorenzo DRAGHETTI (Seal)

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