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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, James D. STURGILL and Donald J. STEWART, have

invented a certain improvement in TOBACCO LEAF HANDLING ASSEMBLY, for which a

regular utility patent application is being filed herewith;

WHEREAS, POWELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, a corporation duly

organized and existing under the laws of South Carolina, and having its principal office and

place of business at Bennettsville, South Carolina, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and

valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, WE, the

said, James D. STURGILL and Donald J. STEWART, by these presents do sell, assign and

transfer unto the said POWELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, its successors, assigns and

legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and all

foreign countries as described in the aforesaid application, together with the right of priority

under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American

Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international

agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and WE do hereby authorize and

request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to the said

POWELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, for its interest as assignee, for the sole use and

behoof of the said POWELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, its successors, assigns, and

legal representatives;

AND WE HEREBY agree to transfer a like interest upon request of said

assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, and without further remuneration, in

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and to any improvements and applications for patents based thereon, growing out of or related to the said invention, and to execute any papers by the said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, deemed essential to the assignee's full protection and title in and to the invention hereby transferred;

Agreeing, furthermore, upon request of said assignee and without further remuneration, to execute any and all papers desired by the said assignee for the filing and granting of foreign applications and the perfecting of title thereto in said assignee.

The undersigned hereby authorize Pillsbury Madison & Sutro LLP, to insert hereon any further identification necessary or desirable for recordation of this document.

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