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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, William Roger Rigby, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in Midlothian, Virginia, have invented certain new and useful improvements in HINGED-LID PACK FOR CIGARETTES OR THE LIKE, for which I have executed an application for United States Letters Patent of even date herewith;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration paid to me by WESTVACO CORPORATION, a corporation of the State of Delaware, and having a place of business at 299 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10171, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

I DO HEREBY ASSIGN unto the said WESTVACO CORPORATION, its successors and assigns, all my right, title and interest in and to said application and invention for the United States of America and all foreign countries, and any Letters Patent elsewhere. The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is requested to issue such Letters Patent in accordance herewith. And I agree to execute further instruments proper for effectuating the premises.

Signed this 12 day of APRIL, 2000.

William Roger Rigby
William Roger Rigby

State of VIRGINIA)
) ss:
City of RICHMOND)

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for said City personally appeared William R. Rigby, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged it to be his act and deed.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 12 day of April, 2000.

Hugh B. Long
Notary Public

My Commission expires MAY 31, 2002

April 14, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

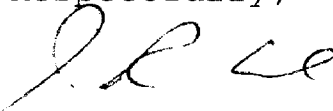
Please find enclosed herewith an assignment of property rights in and to an invention for HINGED-LID PACK FOR CIGARETTES OR THE LIKE by the inventor, William Roger Rigby, to Westvaco Corporation. An application for Letters Patent on said invention is also enclosed herewith.

Please record said enclosed assignment and return same with recordation reel and frame information to:

Richard L. Schmalz, Esq.
Westvaco Corporation
Law Department
299 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10171

The statutory fee of forty (\$40.00) is included in the sum specified by a check attached to said patent application.

Respectfully,



James R. McDaniel
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Enclosure - Assignment