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# Assignment

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and Ralf Sinnerbrink of 27308 Kirchlinteln/Germany  
and Winfried Niebler of 83126 Flintsbach a. Inn/Germany

hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in  
Method and apparatus for inspecting cigarette heads

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on  
November 4/December 1, 1999 ;and

Whereas, Focke & Co. (GmbH & Co.)  
Siemensstraße 10, 27283 Verden/Germany

(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and  
to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

I/We, the above named assignor(s), hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named assignee, its  
successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed  
therein for the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto, including rights of priority under  
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issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the assignee, its successors  
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I/We hereby authorize and request my attorneys SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK & SEAS of  
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application  
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