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1. Name of conveying party(ies): The Standard Commercial Tobacco Co., Inc.

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? No

2. Name and Address of receiving party(ies): Griffin & Company Incorporated

Name: Griffin & Company Incorporated

Street Address: 500 Bergman Avenue

City: Louisville State: Kentucky Zip: 40217

Additional name(s) and address(es) attached? Yes XXX No

3. Nature of Conveyance:

XXX Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name

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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

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5. Name and Address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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EXHIBIT C

ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION AND PATENTS THEREON

WHEREAS, Standard Commercial Tobacco Company, Inc. is the owner by assignment of, or may have an interest in, certain patents and/or patent applications described in the attached list (Exhibit A) including abandoned United States Patent Application Serial No. 07/088,390, all of which are hereinafter referred to as the "PATENTS".

WHEREAS, Standard Commercial Tobacco Company, Inc. is desirous of assigning its entire right, title and interest in and to said Patents to Griffin & Company, Incorporated;

WHEREAS, Griffin & Company, Incorporated is desirous of acquiring said Patents.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Standard Commercial Tobacco Company, Inc. hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto the said Griffin & Company Incorporated, its entire right, title and interest in and to the subject-matter disclosed in said Patents and in and to all Letters Patent Domestic and Foreign issued or to be obtained thereon, and all improvements therein and patents on said improvements, including all rights and interests with priority rights under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the International Patent Cooperative Union, European Patent Convention, Common Market Convention, or any other Convention or Union for each country of said Convention or Union; and does hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents, and the prevailing Patent Authority of all foreign countries, to issue the Letters Patent granted on any of said applications and all future patents granted upon the subject-matter disclosed therein to the above named Assignee, its legal representatives and assigns.

Witness my hand this 24th day of March, 2000.

E. W. Kehaya, II, President
 BY: E. W. Kehaya, II
 on behalf of Assignor,
 Standard Commercial Tobacco Company, Inc.

STATE OF NC
) ss.
 COUNTY OF Wilson

On this 24th day of March, 2000, before me personally appeared E. W. Kehaya, II to me known and known to me to be the * E. W. Kehaya, II who duly acknowledged the signing of the foregoing instrument to be his voluntary act and deed and who executed the same for the uses and purposes therein specified.

Carol D. Whitehead
 Notary Public

* President of Standard Commercial Tobacco Co., Inc.