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Whereas, I/We, Heinz Focke of 27283 Verden/Germany
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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in
Apparatus for producing bundle packages for cigarettes

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on
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Whereas, Focke & Co. (GmbH & Co.)
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(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,

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