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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

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WHEREAS,

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(hereinafter referred to as the "ASSIGNOR") has/have invented certain new and useful improvements in PACK FOR SMOKING ARTICLES

for which an application for a United States Patent

- was executed on even date herewith
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And WHEREAS, **IMPERIAL TOBACCO LIMITED**

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(hereinafter referred to as the "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the invention(s) and improvement(s) therein disclosed, for the United States of America, and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States and all divisions, continuations, re-issues, renewals and/or extensions thereof,

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the sum of ten U.S. dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the ASSIGNOR does hereby assign, sell, transfer and set over unto the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the invention(s) and improvement(s) therein disclosed, for the United States of America, and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States and all divisions, continuations, re-issues, renewals and/or extensions thereof, said ASSIGNEE to have and to hold the interests herein assigned to the full ends of the terms of said Letters Patent and any and all divisions, continuations, re-issues, renewals and/or extensions thereof, respectively, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the ASSIGNOR had this


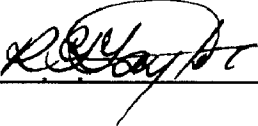
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The Commissioner of Patents is requested to issue such Letters Patent in accordance with this assignment.

I hereby authorize and request any attorney of record in said Application or any attorney of Larson & Taylor, PLC, Customer No. 000881, to insert above any information concerning the identity of the parties or of said Application (including the serial no. and filing date).

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